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THE DECEMBER BOARDS A SUCCESS

On December 26th the H. B. A.'s were found at Bay Springs, Miss. Rev. G. W. Arnold and his good people gave us a nice time while there. No. 3 is growing by leaps and bounds. The agents of No. 3, Prof. Thos. Blakney, Rev. C. L. Pringle and Prof. A. Buckley, say No. 3 must stay in the lead since they reside in No. 3. We paid a larger amount of death claims in No. 3 than we paid in either of the other districts.

On December 27 we were at Shiloh, No. 17. Mr. Sigmon Williams and his good members held up the flag for the H. B. A. We are always glad to go to such places as Shiloh and meet our old friends.

On December 28 we were on a muddy road to the old historic DeKalb. We found hundreds of people awaiting our arrival. It was after twelve o'clock when we reached the place, therefore we had to expedite business in a hurry. Brother A. C. Neely and his good people made things pleasant for us.

We shall publish the report of each lodge that paid 25c for publication. Because you are a subscriber it does not entitle you to a publication of your report. If any president paid for publication and I fail to publish your report, it is an oversight of mine and I shall be glad to correct it, however, I think I am publishing all that paid.

The following is the report of No. 1:

Number	Dues	Death Claims
1	$ 5.39	$ 56.50
2	7.08	69.80
5	1.32	13 56
13	4.54	42.94
31	1.66	15.82
72	4.92	47.46
22	6.24	50.30
28	7.44	71.19
78	6.84	65.54
111	1.20	12.43
17	4.20	40 68
15	8.52	81.36
59	3.72	36.16
47	5.14	48.59
45	1.68	16.95
3	5.04	48.90
4	8.52	81.36
6	1.68	16 95
121	2.04	20 34
51	4.56	44.07
67	3.00	29.58
18	2.16	21.47
101	3.00	29.38
33	8.80	82.49
60	3.24	31.64
150	2.64	25.99
69	6.48	62 15
24	4.80	46.33
25	2.88	28.25

No. 2 reports as follows:

Number	Dues	Death Claims
19	20.28	192.10
73	1.92	19.21
11	1.92	19.21
98	4.02	36.16
39	8 28	79.10
30	4 42	41.81
61	2.04	20.34
100	1.92	19.21
84	3.48	33.90
32	6.48	68.63
46	5 52	54.24
64	10 44	99.44
135	1.68	16.95
44	5.16	47.46
122	2.88	28.25
134	1.32	13.56
50	3.12	30.51
117	1.68	16.95
93	4.68	45.20

No. 3 reported as follows:

Number	Dues	Death Claims
74	1.78	9.45
57	18.96	99.54
152	1.08	6.30
76	3.72	20.16
118	.96	5.67
23	11.64	61.74
153	1.80	10.08
66	.96	5.67
62	2.52	13.86
63	3.48	18.90
52	2.76	15.12
119	5.04	27.09
95	5.88	31 50
133	6.00	32.13
92	9.06	28.98
94	1.08	6.30
131	1.30	6.93
146	3.40	16.38
148	1.68	9.45
58	2.88	15.75
82	8.16	43 47
105	1.92	10.71
145	2.64	14.49
116	1.80	10.08

No. 1 paid eight claims; each was paid $220.20.

No. 2 paid eight claims; each was paid $220.20.

No. 3 paid three claims; each was paid $240.01.

No. 3 is still in lead; she says she has the banner and must keep it.

The total amount of death claims for December Board was $4,243.23; back death claims, $15.00.

The total amount of dues for this quarter was $531.63.

Grand total dues and death claims raised for December, $4,789.86.

Some of the brethren of No. 2 remarked that they had lost quite a few members this quarter. It is a bit surprising to me that they could hold as many as they did. As General Secretary I wish to state that we lost on one end and gained on the other. In September we had members enough to raise $531.63 quarterly dues; December we had members enough to raise $531.63 quarterly dues. That speaks well for the Association.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Young wish to again thank their many friends for the lovely gifts sent them as well as to express their thanks and appreciation for those that are continuing to come in.

LOCALS

January the first Rev. R. L. Young received a long distance call to attend the funeral of Mrs. Tempie Jones, mother of Mrs. C. T. Jones, who died December 31, at her home, Magee, Mississippi.

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Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Leach left Thursday, January the tenth for Jackson, Miss., where Rev. Leach will continue his work as pastor of Lynch Street C. M. E. Church.

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Rev. R. L. Young and his wife, Mrs. Estella Young, together with relatives who attended the marriage on December 19th, at Carson, Miss., arrived on the 20th. Rev and Mrs. E. F. Young planned a royal reception in honor of his son and wife. Mrs. Minnie Pearl Strahorn and Miss Emma Ivy were hostesses.

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Mrs. H. B. Leach, Rev. E. F. Young, Rev. R. L. Young and wife, were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith for dinner on December 23. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Rev. E. F. Young.

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Mrs. Sylvester King of Chicago and Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Young were entertained as guests of honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Beale, Nineteenth Street, Sixteenth Avenue, Thursday evening, January 10. However, for a reasonable cause Mrs. King could not be present. Other guests participating were: Mr and Mrs. V. L. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Summerall, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. O. Beale, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strahorn, Misses Velma and Lillian Beale, Miss Emma Ivy and Messrs. Joel and Lemond Beale. Following a social chat and a few games, an elegant dinner was served. The tables were prettily embellished with lovely reed baskets holding pink and white hand made roses.

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Due to the heavy work of the Boards and the editor having been called out of the city it was impossible to publish an issue of The Echo for the first. Some of our readers complain because they do not get but two papers. I take this opportunity to advise that we only publish two issues a month. If for any unavoidable cause we miss an issue, then you receive one paper for the month.

The article written by the General President deserves publication When he speaks of the good that the H. B. A. has done in different sections I thought of some of our presidents who receive from $200.00 to $1200.00 per year for deaths. How can that man and his lodge oppose a building? In this last quarter we paid to one local lodge $660.60 death claims, and do you know that there are some weak minded people in it who oppose the plans of the Convention? With the General President, I. M. Pringle, and a host of others, my motto is: "Buy a building."

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FACING THE NEW YEAR

Christian Friends: I am wondering how many of our readers have given any time to think over the fact that we are facing a New Year. Some of you are no doubt worrying over sorrows and happenings of the past year, while others are care free, but have not thought seriously over the opportunities the door of 1924 has open to you. To these and others comes this little message of hope.

The old year is gone. With it has gone the mistakes and disappointments, sorrows and glooms. Many tasks are left undone and fair dreams are unrealized. The old year is gone, but, the new year is at hand. We can be thankful for that "but," and its reassurance. We read in the Bible that "Naaman was a leper," but he was cleansed. There are many "buts" in the Bible and in life. They furnish us with hope and cheer. We made many mistakes in the old year, but we can avoid them in the new year. We have wandered far from God and duty, but we can come back. The past is dead, but the future is athrob with life, opportunity, privilege and responsibility. The door of 1923 is shut, but the door of 1924 is open. Moses advised the children of Israel to "ask not of the days that are past"; Paul said: "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." There is a new shining way of promise before us. The future is fraught with hope. We are to look ahead, not back. We are to forget the past, and "rise on stepping stones of our dead selves to higher things."

In forgetting the past, however, we are not to dishonor it. The things which are behind have a vital bearing on the things which are before. Today is what yesterday has made it. Tomorrow is determined by today. We are in the school of experience, therefore, we are to forget as nature forgets in order to grow. We are to leave the past as the river leaves the fountain; as the oak forgets the acorn though the acorn makes the oak; or as men forget their alphabet, though the alphabet enters into every line and utterance of after life; or as men forget their multiplication table, though the table is part and parcel of every intricate problem of mathematics. So we are promoted from 1923 to 1924. We enter new classes where we receive new ideas and impressions and are given new tasks. We are to profit by the errors of the past and strive to avoid them in the future.

If you are weary of sorrow and sinning here's a beautiful hope. A hope for me and a hope for you—The year opens before us. Since it does, let us clear off all old balances and "clean house." Let us begin the new year with a cleaned mansion for the Spirit. Let us take all the hurts and harborings of envy and jealousy, of doubts and fears, all pettiness and narrowness and throw them into the world's rag bag and go into the year of 1924 spirit free.

Let us give up our sins and sorrows, our grouches and grovellings over the dying year and let it take them swiftly flying backward. May the New Year help us to realize that,

"Another year is but another call of Gods'
To do some deed undone and duty we forgot;
To think some wider thought of man and good;
To see and love with kindlier eye and warmer heart,
Until acquainted more with Him and keener eyed
To sense the need of man, we serve
With larger sacrifice and readier hand our kind."

MRS. ESTELLA YOUNG.

From I. M. Pringle,
Longstreet, Miss.
To the Editor of The Echo:
Please publish this letter.
Rev. E. F. Young,
Dear Sir:

This is an answer to yours of a few days ago asking the presidents to fill out the questionary. Lodge number forty-five is in good feeling with the H. B. A., and we had rather pay for a building in Meridian than to go to so much expense for an extra session. We feel that it is cheaper to the whole concern. We believe you will do the right thing and we expect to stand by you.

From 1907, when you were elected General President of this grand Order, until this time, you have been our safe guide. Not one can truthfully say that you have been dishonest. I am talking from experience and what I know. I am the oldest living member in the H. B. A. I was in its beginning. I was there before you were. I was there when you came and I am still here. We are at Longstreet, Mississippi, but we want a building in Meridian. Send the news far and near that we are in love and harmony with the H. B. A., and expect to stand by her as long as there is one member in it.

We mean to pay for the building and would be glad if others will fall in line.

Yours for the good of the H. B. A.,
JASPER WALKER, President,
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Cast Down Your Bucket Where You Are

At one time a ship was lost at sea for many days. Finally another vessel came in sight. The distressed vessel seeing another, which it hoped would prove friendly, immediately raised its signal—''We want water. We die of thirst.'' The answering signal read, ''Cast down your bucket where you are.'' The distressed vessel, hoping to be rescued at once by the approaching vessel, raised its signal a second time, but the reply ''Cast down your bucket where you are'' came again. The distressed vessel raised its signal a third and fourth time, but always the reply came ''Cast down your bucket where you are.'' At last the command was obeyed, the bucket was cast down and when drawn up it was filled with fresh, sparkling water, that which meant life to those aboard the vessel and which was easily secured through an effort of their own.

As with the distressed vessel so it is with many of us. We stand waiting for some one to do for us the things we can do for ourselves. We are failing to cast our buckets down where we are.

If we were to come to ourselves and look upon the man who suggests a way to remedy existing circumstances when they are unfavorable, as a friend instead of him who offers temporary aid, it would mean to us what the signal ''Cast down your bucket where you are'' meant to the vessel in distress.

Friends, let us strive to develop a feeling of independence by ceasing to depend upon others. Cast down your bucket where you are and build for yourselves better homes, better churches and educational facilities. When we shall have done this we will find that we shall have a continual march toward the goal for which we as a race are destined.

MARY WEBB.

(Daughter of F. L. Key, President of H. B. A. Lodge No. 96, Porterville, Mississippi.)

DR. M. H. WILLIAMS
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Dear Editor:

Allow me space to say a few words to all of the members of the H. B. A. I, as your humble servant am now appealing to you only for your loyal consideration. For fourteen years I have been your leader. You have followed me and I have led you to the hall of fame. Great is the H. B. A. Well, what has she done? one may ask. Let us start in our own town, Meridian. I remember when our people went from door to door, street to street, church to church, in great numbers, with a begging list in hand to help bury some dead mother, father, brother, sister or some other friend, and some were carried to ''potters' field.''

I, as your humble servant, have been your friend, and no one can dispute it. Where is Jerry Johnson? Ask him what has the H. B. A. done for him. Through me this Order took money from its treasure and lifted a mortgage from his home while he was sick in bed not able to see after his business. Call on Sister Gullie of Little Zion, number twenty-two. After the death of her husband her only beast was being led away because of a debt. But one of the H. B. A. brothers said to the man who was leading the beast, ''Will you be kind enough to wait until the H. B. A. comes? She is coming, and when she gets here she will be able to pay it all.'' Now this poor woman was in distress, but the H. B. A. wiped away her tears. Where is Sister Applewhite of Bassfield, Mississippi? The H. B. A. picked up a note for her and her horse was redeemed. Mr. Hawthorne, a white merchant of Bassfield, said to me, that one of his customers died and left a mortgage on his hand, and he said had it not been for the H. B. A. the widow would never have paid it.

Now, listen. Can you count the respectable burials that you have not been ashamed of? Oh, so many sorrowful hearts the H. B. A. has cheered; so many weeping mothers and crying children; so many hearts sobs; so many voices in the dark hours of midnight crying for help, and through me, friends, we went to their rescue. This poor crucified servant of yours was awake and heard every call. I answered every appeal. What I have done for the people is no secret. I have never pushed anything without a foundation.

Now, to you loyal H. B. A.'s: The Convention launched a building project at Hattiesburg—a wise step, a business step, a step in the right direction. We are a race and we should learn to cooperate with each other. Listen, my dear friends, every local lodge must have a place to meet before or at the time it is organized, and wherever they meet they have some rights. The General body has its headquarters in Meridian and no place in the world to go; no door can she open without permission; no light can she turn on; no time can she say ''come in.''

The H. B. A. has some great men and women who stand for a principle, and would not be a traitor for anything. Listen friends, what is Two or Three dollars and two or three years to pay it? I learned that some have quit on the account of the building. Some one has told the people that when the building is bought it would be deeded to me. The Convention said it would be deeded to the Holbrook Benevolent Association.

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Some of us want the building and all of us need it. To the loyal H. B. A.'s: Let's put on a drive for the building; let's work for an H. B. A. home. The Holbrook Benevolent Association is a blessing to our people. It is a blessing to the farmer, to the doctor, to the drug store, to the undertaker, to colored and to white in general. Therefore, I, as President of this general body, am appealing to every loyal H. B. A. Let's make the twentieth of February a high day and night for an H. B. A. drive. We also appeal to our white friends in this article, that know and realize what an asset the H. B. A. has been to all concerned, to help us push forward this great project. We want you to send us a check, little or much, it will be appreciated. You have helped us and we are looking for more of it.

Now, to the H. B. A.'s: Let's put the Lord in front and ask Him to bless our efforts. I learn that one or two want their money back, and brother, you can get it. We do not mean to force anyone. The Convention said "buy the building" and that is what we are doing.

Those who want to go, I will do all in my power to help them go. Friends, I will stand by this old Order. I know what is best for the H. B. A. I love this Order. I have done for it what no other man has done. I have stood where no other man has stood. I am he who brought you from nothing to where you are, and those who desire to go further for these next four years, I will take you safely across. I would like for you to stay with us. I am anxious for you to stay, but if you will go, may the Lord be with you for we must buy the building. Brothers J. W. Smith, M. V. B. Pitts, Rev. I. C. Harper, together with the General President and Secretary, were appointed by the Convention as trustees of this property. Wait until they make their report and you will be tickled to death to know how business moves up when they come.

This is my first article. I am no fighter, and I am not looking for the fighting man. I am a doer. I am one for progress. Let us press forward to the mark of the high calling, looking to Christ, the Author and Finisher of every good and perfect gift. I am a friend to man, and I say with the poet:

"Let me live in the house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by;
Men who are good; men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat
Nor hurl the cynics band,
But let me live in the house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

REV. E. F. YOUNG,
General President.

BABY

Arthur S. Gray

Of the best quality—
Bundle of jollity
Baby's the sweetest thing under the sun;
Prattling so merrily,
Child thou art verily
Symbol of Heaven—its joys begun.

2

Message from Heaven thou,
Teaching all creatures how
Faith well directed brings every boon.
God's love reflecting, see
How it illumines thee-
Babyhood days pass but only too soon|

3

Into thine eyes so clear,
Hopeful and glad we peer,
Seeing thy fame penetrate every clime;
O, may thy purity
In thy maturity
Cling to thee always as now in thy prime! —Crisis.

Just as He Thought

A small boy was reciting in geography class. The teacher was trying to teach him the points of the compass. She explained: "On your right is the east, your left is the west, and in front of you is the north; now what is behind you?"

The boy studied a moment, and then puckered up his face and bawled: "I knew it. I told ma you'd see the patch in my pants."—Canned Laughter.

Tit for Tat

An Irish man was sitting in a depot smoking when a woman came and, sitting down beside him, remarked:

"Sir, if you were a gentleman you would not smoke here."

"Mum," he said, "if ye wuz a lady ye'd sit farther away."

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Prety soon the woman burst out again:

"If you were my husband I'd give you poison."

"Well, mum," returned the Irishman, as he puffed away at his pipe, "if ye wuz me wife I'd take it."

Business Letter

The following was written to a Tokyo man by one of his clerks, requesting a few more days' holiday because of sickness:

"Honored Sir: Having been amputated from my family for several months, and as I have complaints of the abdomen, coupled with great conflagration of the internals, with entire prostration from all desire to work, I beg to be excused from orderly work for ten or nine more days, and in duty bound I will pray for the salubrity of your temper and the enlargement of your family."

All that is worth while is ability to make your life a real success through service.

Those who want little, do little!

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THE PURPOSE OF THE H. B. A. WIDENS AS WE ASCEND

By Miss Effie Reece, Bassfield, Miss.

To the child and ignorant adult the spirit of the H. B. A. is mysterious. The horizon of the H. B. A. is one of unlimited scope. In trying to reach its heights we fall by the way, but if we fall let it be said that we were pressing forward. It is well to know a few things so that when we desire to speak our words will be authoritative. Some of us depend too much upon what the other person says, but let us know some things for ourselves.

The more training the mind has the broader our views are and we are able to grasp and grapple with the problems that confront us. We are able to appreciate the people and things that are about us. Thinking men of today are casting aside those things which have retarded their progress in the past. They are working most assidiously for a higher and larger freedom in which to ascend.

The spirit of benevolence must be fully developed if our race is to attain a firm height; but it cannot be developed if bound by the fetters of ignorance; then we, every soul born under the influence of free will to pay allegiance to a race, are brought face to face with the fact that christian education and moral education bear a direct relation to civilization, and the highest cannot be expected without the highest development of these phases of life. It then becomes the challenge of all who have been touched with a spark of benevolence to see it in its proper relation to our civilization and to realize that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

In my judgment the chief purposes of the H. B. A. are: To contribute to the economic betterment of our race and to inspire to higher things through the inculcation of ideals of personal pride; physical and mental uplift. Furthermore, it may be conservatively stated that the H. B. A. is affording a more far reaching opportunity to a greater number of our race than any other one enterprise in the state and possibly a number of states.

Then let us as loyal members of the H. B. A. not follow a narrow path that shuts out the view of all but its unsightly stony sides. Let us walk out in the open space so that at every step we take our view may be so broadened that we can see the best there is in nature and man. When our minds have become thus broadened, then we shall have sympathy for every afflicted one, patience with those who err, and a love for all mankind. Thus enabling ourselves to quote to our unfortunate brother:

"Leave God to order all thy ways,
And hope in Him whate'er betide;
Thou wilt find Him in the evil day
An all sufficient strength and guide.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love,
Builds on a rock that nonre can move."

THE LYNCHING RECORD OF 1923

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
Jan., 1924.

Dear Sir:

I send you the following concerning lynchings for the past year as compiled by Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research, Monroe N. Work in charge. I find there were 28 persons lynched in 1923. This is 29 less than the number 57 for the year, 1922. Thirteen of the persons lynched were taken from the hands of the law, 7 from jails and 6 from officers of the law outside of jails.

We also find that there were 46 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Four women, 3 white and 1 colored, were among those thus saved. Six of these preventions of lynchings were in Northern States and 40 in Southern States. In 37 of the cases the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In the 9 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would be lynchers. In 8 instances during the year persons charged with being connected with lynching mobs were brought to trial. Of the 52 persons thus before the courts only 2 were sent to the penitentiary.

Of the 28 persons lynched in 1923, 26 were Negroes and 2 were whites; two of the former were women. 7 or one-fourth of those put to death were charged with rape or attempted rape; one of the victims was burned to death; one was put to death and then the body was burned. The charge against the one burned to death was murder.

The offenses charged against the whites were: Participation in strike depredations, 1; being taken as a Negro, 1. The offenses charged against the Negroes were: murder, 3; murderous assault, 2; rape, 6; attempted rape, 1; killing officer of the law, 2; wounding officer of the law, 2; no charge reported, 3; assisting man charged with rape to escape, 1; resisting posse searching for man charged with rape, 1; cattle stealing, 1; insulting woman, 1; peeping in window, 1; striking man in altercation, 1.

The nine states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Arkansas, 2; Florida, 8; Georgia, 4; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 8; Missouri, 1; Oklahoma, 1; Texas, 2; Virginia, 1.

Yours very truly,
R. R. MOTON, Principal.

—Western Index.

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A LETTER

Dear Editor:

Please let this article appear for the good and prosperity of our H. B. A. members.

A few of the presidents and members have pulled out and gone to themselves, and I, as General President, wish to inform this large majority that we have following us that we are still on the "firing line." We are doing our best for the poor people of our race. We are trying to purchase an H. B. A. building of which we are in much need, and to those of you who are holding on, just hold your grip and let's stem the tide. We are planning to fix this thing just right. In fact, we have been together, and let us continue together in brotherly love. You remember, some time ago I made the statement that we didn't want to lose one member and if we did he would go himself. Now he went, we did not send him!

To the loyal presidents, who may have some poor person who wants to go, but is not fully able, see to it that the spirit of benevolence is manifested and help him to go. But force no one. Do your best and the Lord will carry us over. The storm is gone now, let us get down to business. I wish to say to the local presidents, if you have any members who quit, and at any time they wish to renew, please collect $1.00 for the general body, together with all the assessments due at the time they quit.

Again, I wish to have it understood that there has been a "GET TOGETHER" crowd and they have organized themselves with their various officers. Those persons have no legal claim upon this association; also the members who are following them and using many slanderous expressions, some threats and bodily injuries, have been swinging like a dark cloud behind the mountain and they are growing worse and worse. These and many things that I have heard and seen with my own eyes, I knew that it was necessary to change before they pulled out and I am proud to say that they did the pulling. Some of the presidents have conducted themselves in a very unbecoming manner as well as some of their members. Please remember that we are now making our second drive for the building. Do your best. Let every local lodge make an extra effort on the twentieth of February. Let's surprise our own selves.

You will remember that the Convention was called off, and I have returned letters in my possession with the signatures of the presidents, and not over fifteen local lodges desired a Convention. Therefore, I called off the Convention with your consent, but the newly organized department went on to Hattiesburg after being notified and told by me that the Convention was called off. Their Convention has been held. They are gone, now we can go in peace! The following are those who are with the newly organized part: The General Vice-President, numbers eight, fifteen, sixteen, eighteen, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-six, forty-one, forty-three, forty-four, forty-six, forty-eight, fifty-one, sixty, sixty-five, ninety-one, sixty-seven, eighty-nine, sixty-eight, seventy-one, eighty-six, and possibly a few others. If I am not mistaken not a one of these responded to the building call. If so, I take the correction in good spirit. If there be ten or twelve others that I have left off, 30 or 35 against a hundred and fifty-five is a small number. If in the number that quit there are forty-five gone, we still have one hundred and ten to our credit. As your leader and guide for this association my motto is "Onward Christian Soldiers, marching as to war with the Cross of Jesus going on before."

May I say, that since the Vice-President is leading the other side, it is necessary for the General body to begin to center its eyes upon some good, honest and upright man for your Vice-President.

Yours for this great cause,

REV. E. F. YOUNG,
General President.

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LOCALS

The Ministers and Laymen council held at Jackson, Mississippi, January 23 was quite a success. It was attended by a large delegation. All pastors had good reports. The three best reports were made by Revs. H. B. Leach, E. F. Young and R. L. Young. Total amount raised was $243.05. Rev. R. L. Young was elected Secretary of the Council.

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Mrs. Annie Smith, daughter of Rev. E. F. Young, is now recovering after several days' illness.

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Mr. Luther Smith has been on the sick list for some time. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

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Rev. H. B. Leach and his splendid members are planning a brick structure at Jackson, Miss.

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Rev. S. E. Gibson and his good people are planning a brick structure in Meridian, Miss.

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Bishop Jno. W. McKinney has called his Elders' Council to meet at Newell Chapel February 5-6, Meridian, Miss.

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Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Graham, the father and mother of Mrs. Estella Otis Young, surprised their daughter and son a few days ago by sending a healthy box.

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Dr. E. B. Blackman, P. E. of the Meridian District, reports that he is having quite a success with all of his pastors and churches. Everyone who knows Blackman expects big things from him.

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On the fourth Sunday in January Rev. Watkins was at Pleasant Grove. There were only a few in number because of the bad roads, but Martin, Brewsters, Gaines and Young put things over. Fifteen dollars and eighty-four cents was raised. Pleasant Grove says she is going to put Good Hope in the shade.

NOTICE

I am now mailing to each local president a check which amounts to eighty cents. This is your part coming from the bond interest of which the examiner has sent the General President. He states that in a few months he will send more as soon as it is due.

R. L. YOUNG, Sec'y.

MAGEE NOTES

H. B. A. No. 133 is moving forward with W. J. Rankin as its president. They are growing by leaps and bounds.

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Rev. R. L. Young says success is his at Goodwater church with such workers as W. B. Buchanan, E. D. King, L. D. McLeod, Mitchell Haze, Robert Jones and wife, and a number of others, too numerous to mention. It is hard to tell which church will lead, Goodwater or Mt. Olive. Rev. T. Sanders, Sr., will hold his first quarter at Goodwater February 9-10. There will be lunches on the ground Saturday and a sermon, in fact a regular old-time quarter will be held.

The following is a list of members who have died since the last board. If any president has deceased members whose names do not appear on this list, please notify me at once:

N. Hill, No. 102; Noah Campbell, No. 82; Ben Roberts, No. 54; S. P. Carlyle, No. 30; Mary Pickens, No. 119; Henry Ellis, No. 65; B. Braggs, No. 92; Chaney Trotter, No. 92; R. L. Longmire, No. 110.

Couldn't Account for it

Mrs. Goggs—"What do you think ails my husband, doctor?"

Physician—"Well, as a matter of fact, his complaint is hereditary. He has . ."

Mrs. Goggs—"That's queer; I'm sure I can't imagine where he could have caught it. There hasn't been a case of hereditary in the neighborhood since we moved here—and that's been nearly a year."

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MT. OLIVE NOTES

By J. H. Jackson

The good people of Browns' Chapel at Mt. Olive, Mississippi, are delighted to have as their pastor Rev. R. L. Young. We consider it a great spiritual gift to have a refined and educated young man as our leader. He has visited us only one time, but the people feel that they have the right man. Rev. Young is a graduate of Haven Institute, Meridian, and has his A. B. Degree from Paine College, Augusta, Ga. He is a wide-awake young man. He is also General Secretary of the H. B. A. of the State of Mississippi, and is editor of "The Echo" published in Meridian.

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Mrs. Irene Powell, Poro hair dresser, recently made a trip to Sanatorium. Mrs. Powell is a splendid hair dresser as well as a good church worker.

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Rev. R. L. Young spent two nights at the home of Mrs. Selia Payne while at Mt. Olive. Mrs. Payne is a church lover.

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Mrs. Patient Magee, a member of H. B. A. No. 116, has been on the sick list but she is up again.

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Mr. J. H. Jackson, cotton classer of Memphis, Tennessee, has signed a contract with A. W. Evans for the season of 1924. Mr. Jackson does quite a bit of traveling. He is also president of H. B. A. No. 116. Such men as Jackson are worth while. He recently returned from Gulfport, Mississippi, from a business trip.

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If you want a good meal see Annie Durr. If you want a ride see Homer Graham.

The birthday party given in honor of Mrs. Irene Graham a few weeks ago was a grand occasion.

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Rev. R. L. Young is well pleased with his people at Mt. Olive, Miss.

CANNED LAUGHTER

By R. A. C.

Teacher—"I shall not keep you after school, Johnie. You may go home now."

Johnnie—"I don't want ter go home. There's a baby just come to our house."

Teacher—"You ought to be glad, Johnnie. A dear little baby—"

Johnnie (vehemently)—"I ain't glad. Pa'll blame me—he blames me for everything."

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To his teacher's request that he give the class ideas on the subject of "Bravery" little Johnny delivered himself of the following: "Some boys is brave because they always plays with little boys, and some boys is brave because their legs is too short to run away, but most boys is brave because somebody's lookin'. "

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"Susannah," asked the preacher, when it came her turn to answer the usual question in such cases, "do you take this man to be your wedded husband for better or for worse—"

"Jes' as he is, pahson," she interrupted, "jes' as he is. Ef he gits any bettah ah'll know de good Lawd's gwine to take 'im; an' ef he gits any wusser, w'y, ah'll tend to 'im myself."

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A Negro, a new assistant on a farm down South, was asked to hold a cow while the farmer, a crosseyed man, was to hit her on the head with an ax. The darky, observing the man's eyes, in some fear inquired:

"Is you gwine to hit whar you is lookin', boss?"

"Why, certainly," answered the farmer.

"Well, den, you hold de cow yourself, sah."

The world-famous Williams Colored Singers will appear at the Courthouse February 5th, under the auspices of Haven Institute and Conservatory of Music.

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WORKING FOR THE H. B. A.

Mr. Editor: Allow me a short space in The Echo to let the people know that the old warrior is back on the job. I am doing all I can for the upbuilding of the H. B. A. I am visiting some of the old lodges and am putting them on the right road. We have a few in our section who have not paid the building assessment, but they are coming every day. Some one is writing letters and riding the country over telling us not to pay it, but we are paying it anyhow. Sometimes we tell those fellows we are with them, but they do not know what we mean when we say that. Mr. President, if you will just let me visit all of our people, I can even do more than I am doing. Don't be uneasy, we are with you in the building project.

The President is only carrying out the orders of the Convention, and we should quit throwing stones. When we meet the Boards we want to meet for business, and shall be proud when we unload some of this trash that we have on board. Those people who do not want the building ought to go on and let it alone. They ought to stop trying to get me and my folks to not buy when we are willing to buy. We know what we want to do, and we hope they know what they want to do.

I wish to state that I have just set up a new lodge in the nest of the fuss. Well, the people know the difference between a MAN and a FUSS BOX. I set up with twenty-four members. Mr. President, for the benefit of some of our people who want to go on, I want to ask you to publish a form of the deeds that we are to have for the building. I remain,

Your agent,
V. C. CLAYTON,
R. F. D. 2, Box 8, Lauderdale, Miss.

P. S. Mr. Editor, another thought crossed my mind. Some of us men and women are working in the H. B. A. just as the busy bees work in summer putting comb and honey in the gum, making ready for the winter. Sometimes you see dead bees all around the gum, but they are being produced just as fast as they die. That is what we are doing—PRODUCING. They tell me some few want to quit. Well, sometimes the bees get like that. They leave the gum and the Old King Bee goes off, and sometimes he never comes back—he gets lost or killed. He leaves the workers on a limb, and they all stay there on that limb and die; then the ants come along and eat those poor dead bees up. I fear some of our folks who quit are going to die and the ants are going to eat them up. For me and mine, we are going to stay in the old gum and stand by the Old King, Rev. E. F. Young. He has the honey and has been feeding us for fourteen years. Those who quit have no claim on the honey.

Dear Editor: I wish to inform the readers of The Echo that all of my members paid fifty cents for the year except three. Two died before I collected the last twenty-five cents. We have paid our part for the year, but we put on an extra drive and with a short notice raised $3.25. I have a loyal set of members. They do not belong to the "fussing" class, and they do not pay attention to all this "stuff" some certain people try to put in their heads.

When the weather gets good we want you to put on a big drive, and offer a prize to the lodge that raises the highest amount. Notify us in time. Number 98 is going after the building.

Yours in the H. B. A.,
REV. M. PAGE, President.
Porterville, Miss.

PRENTISS SINGERS VISIT LAUREL

Under the auspices of the Community Center Club, the people of Laurel were highly entertained at the Colored Library Friday night, January 25, by the Prentiss Singers. Five of the double quartette were orphan boys and girls of this city. Two others, and the little elocutionist, Master James Alexandria Johnson, made up the program.

After their arrival they sang before eight different congregations. The people showed their appreciation by liberal donations. They rendered a program before some of the best white people of the city, and we were made to feel proud of our white friends when they, too, threw open their purses in a way of contributing to the education of these poor boys and girls.

At the close of the program rendered at the Colored Library, a big reception was given in honor of Mrs. J. E. Johnson and her students. Too much credit and encouragement cannot be given to the Community Center, under the leadership of Mrs. L. P. Reid. The singers made a lasting impression on the people of Laurel, and especially the young people, so much so that it resulted in losing three students from the public school, who boarded the train for Prentiss Normal and Industrial Institute. The program was conducted by the efficient Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

One of our members from Wiggins reports that a strange letter has found its way down there trying to knock the H. B. A. building, but he thinks the letter is on the wrong road, for they could not use it whatever. Too much grease was in it. In other words, it appeared to be a "slick letter."

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REV. E. F. YOUNG ROBBED BY TWO WHITE MEN

Rev. E. F. Young left his home Friday morning, February 22, en route to one of his churches. After reaching Saratoga, Mississippi, on the G. & S. I. Railroad, he started out to his church. He reports that after getting out on the way he met two white men. They held him up, one throwing a shot gun on him and the other a big pistol. They searched him, took what money he had and his pocket knife, ordered him to march on up the road and not to look back. This is a warning to the H. B. A. We are in great danger traveling over this country with thousands of dollars in our possession. Each local president who leaves his home is in great danger when on his way to the Boards with all of the money that he collects. If men will hold you up in the day, what will they do at night? I have always said that it is a foolish idea to travel over this country night and day with five or six thousand dollars in our possession. If we do not change our method of paying off; if we do not get some place as a headquarters and pay off in checks, friends there is going to be a great slaughtering of H. B. A.'s one of these days. When you presidents, both men and women, leave home with your pockets full of money it is doubtful as to whether you will ever return a live man or woman. Men are not only robbing and holding up people in the country, but they go in little towns and big cities and rob banks. They are going in private homes and robbing them.

Sometimes we leave Meridian in cars, nine and ten in number, with Strayhorn & Berry's speed wagon in the lead, two and three thousand dollars in our pockets. Three men could hold the last one of us up and we could not help ourselves. Two men could hold guns on all of us, and one could get the money. Oh, it is an easy matter to do it. Two and three men rob express trains with hundreds of thousands of dollars, and all the trainmen are armed, but what does that matter with a robber who is an expert?

Well, friends, you may knock the building project as much as you please but when we shall have lost a few lives and a few thousand dollars out on these long country trips, you will find that it would have been cheaper for us to have had some place to receive and pay off. Some have said they would lose an arm before they would pay fifty-five cents, but there is danger of losing a life instead of an arm.

A few of our friends complain because we do not stay and pay off, but friends, it is a DANGEROUS thing to carry all the money that we handle. And you need not think that no one is thinking about robbing us. Just as sure as there is an H. B. A., just that sure somebody is planning to take our collection at some of these Boards. How much trouble is it for a car to drive up with four or five men in it and lay hands on Martin and Williams after the money is taken in, and in three minutes they could have every cent and gone. All they would have to do is get their guns, masque their faces, take the number off the car and the last one of us would be so afraid that we would not know as to whether the car was a Hudson, Dodge, Ford or Essex. One would say it was one thing and some would say it was another, but really, what kind of a car would it be? It would be a car with H. B. A. MONEY, GONE. What kind of men were they? They were masqued men with our money, and GONE.

We now have on roll one hundred and fifty-nine local lodges. Let us suppose that the expense will average $6.25 per quarter to the Boards, making a total of $25.00 per year for each local lodge. Let us suppose that two days at the convention will average $7 per lodge. Add $7 and $25, which gives a total of $32 per year for railroad expenses. Multiplying thirty-two by one hundred and fifty-nine we get $5,088 per year that 4,000 members pay for men to ride up and down the road, and the real truth of the matter is, it is money thrown away. There is enough money in one year to almost buy a building. Ah, gentlemen and ladies, we sleepy heads just as well wake up and face the issue like men and women. This is no time to doodle back. If we cannot stand up to the rack in the face of criticism and give the fellow his medicine, we just as well get down and out for some must prescribe the medicine, and somebody must be man enough to see to it that the patients take it.

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NOTICE

No. 1 will please collect $1.25 for the following: S. P. Carlyle, No. 30; Mary Pickens, No. 119; Henry Ellis, No. 65; M. A. Johnson, No. 13; B. M. Brassfield, No. 18; Lee Parks, No. 70; and Dudley Price, No. 46.

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No. 2 will please collect $1.25 for the following: Frank Steward, No. 42; Mandy Gipson, No. 125; Lula Key, No. 16; Callie McRoy, No. 16; R. L. Longmire, No. 110; Liza Naylor, No. 39; Jessie Ford, No. 85; and Ben Roberts, No. 54.

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No. 3 will please collect $1.40 for the following: N. Hill, No. 102; Noah Campbell, No. 82; G. W. Braggs, No. 92; Chaney Trotter, No. 92; J. C. Hayes, No. 118; Tempie Jones, No. 52; Tilman Otis, No. 63.

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We have had four deaths in Nos. 1 and 2 since the cards were sent out. Space was left for two more, but having four instead of two, we were compelled to raise the assessment to $1.25.

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Board No. 3 meets at Gumpond, March 18. All persons will go to Lumberton, a few miles below Hattiesburg on the Northeastern. The President, Mr. B. J. Williams, will have conveyance for us to go out to Gumpond.

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No. 1 meets at Holbrook, No. 5 below Whynot, Mississippi, March 19.

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No. 2 will meet at Pine Ridge, No. 44, Daleville, Mississippi, March 20, W. M. Moore, President.

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Prof. A. Buckley has organized three new lodges since the last Board.

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All presidents are requested to collect 25 cents from each of your lodges for the publication of your report in The Echo.

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LOCALS

Mr. I. English invited the General President and General Secretary to his lodge a few nights ago. A real splendid time was had. Mr. English is an ideal local president, and his members are loyal and ideal. In fact, our members are what we make them. If they are bad, nine times out of ten we made them so. Mr. English and his people gave the President and Secretary a nice donation of $3.00. We thank you. We want to come again. The General President and his wife visited No. 70 a few nights ago. The little hustler, Tom Smith, is the president. He and his members donated $4.00 to the President. They are loyal people, not because of the donation, but they just have a MAN leading them. Well, they were trained by Emerson, therefore, they know nothing but loyalty.

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There is quite a bit of rivalry between Rev. E. F. Young and son in their church work. Daddy is trying to beat son and son is trying to beat Daddy. Son went down and raised $47.05 during his quarter, paid off on Saturday. Daddy did not like it; he went down, paid off on Saturday and raised about $75.00. Son did not like that, so he went down with his wife the next Sunday and raised $45.70. Dad is down now trying to beat Son, but he will have to get up soon to do it. Such men as L. D. McLeod, Ed King, W. B. Buchanan, Logan, and the women, like Mrs. C. T. Jones, E. Barber, F. Grantham, Waters, Sullivan and a score of others too numerous to mention; these people say Son must beat. Son has raised about $150 this year and Dad has done the same thing.

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Mr. H. R. Evans of Enterprise reports that his lodge is doing nicely since the storm is about over.

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Two marks or an "X" on your paper is a sign. It means your subscription is out.

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Rev. C. J. Jackson and his daughter have been ill for some time. They were visited by Rev. C. L. Pringle. They report that after Rev. Pringle had administered unto them they were able to get out of bed and go about their duties.

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The people of Meridian will be proud to meet Dr. L. Benjamin at Sherrod's Drug Store. Dr. Benjamin is a pharmacist and comes to us from Louisiana. Dr. Major, our old friend, and Dr. Benjamin have been friends for quite a while.

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DEATHS

Mrs. Adele Major, the mother of Dr. J. E. Major of Meridian, died February 10, at New Orleans, La. Dr. Major was called to the bedside of his mother, but she died a short while before he reached her home.

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The mother of Dr. C. S. Waters of Laurel, Mississippi, died February 24. Mrs. Waters was suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

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Mrs. Mary Brewster, wife of Mr. Joe Brewster, and daughter of Mr. I. M. Martin, died February 25.

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Mr. E. J. Price, president of H. B. A. No. 46, lost his father, Mr. Dudley Price, February 12.

MT. OLIVE DOTS

(By J. H. Jackson)

The people of Mt. Olive are looking forward to a prosperous year for the farmers. If you want to go to the Sanitorium, see Mr, Whit Mason. W. M. Blackwell, engineer for the Mt. Olive Compress, has purchased a horse and expects to farm this year. Mrs. Littie Nelson visited her mother, Mrs. Celia Payne, and tipped her with a $10 bill.

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J. H. Jackson, cotton classer of Mt. Olive, has about caught up with his work for this season.

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Dear Editor:—

I wish to say a few words, since I have been a silent reader for some time. May I say to the H. B. A.'s, there is always a sifting in everything. Now that we have been sifted because of an H. B. A. building, let us, the pure wheat, see how we can grow. No one should become discouraged. It is always the faithful few that bring things to pass. We are going to purchase the building regardless of those that are gone. Let us pray that they may not be drowned in the Red Sea. Let us follow our beloved General President. I am with the order, and when I say that, I mean my lodge is with me. I shall close with this poem:

"There is something in the twinkle of
an honest man's eye
That can never be mistaken and can
never be passed by;
Be his station high or lowly,
There's that dauntless upright air,
That convinces all beholders
That the man they see is 'square';
Heaven gives such men influence
Over those they daily meet;
If they see a fallen brother,
They will help him on his feet.
Make the 'sneakers' a bit uneasy,
Make the 'false' act kind of fair,
For the greatest rogue on record
Will respect the man who is
'square.'"

MRS. ELLA MORRELL,
President H. B. A. No. 76.

Dear Editor: I wish to inform the members of my work that I have just organized a new lodge at Langsdale, Mississippi, and one out from Waynesboro, Mississippi. The winds may blow and the storms may rise, but none of these things keep us from the shore. The "Blue String" is doing business down here in No. 3. I am coming like a mighty wind. They tell me a wise man is like water; will fit himself to any vessel. We want you and the General President to feel good for you have a strong set behind you. Oh, the day seems dark sometime, but that is only a test, just keep your powder dry, the sun is going to set fair.

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Dear Editor: Please give space for this article. I connected with the H. B. A. about two years and six months ago. A while later I asked the General President to permit me to organize a lodge at Magee, Mississippi. He permitted me to do so, and I began with five members. Today we have sixty-two members in good standing, and six applications on hand. Our members in and around Magee are a loyal set. We are doing big things. We have two lodges at Magee, and both are doing all they can to put the H. B. A. over the top. Let us as local presidents stand by this old order and our most worthy president, Rev. E. F. Young. He is the man that brought us from nothing to something—from darkness to light. He helped us when no one else would; he pulled and pushed us when all others failed. I wish to say to him, just hold on and keep the faith; we will anchor by and by. If at first you don't succeed, try try again. Let God guide you and all will be well. I remain,

Yours for success,
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ONLY NEGRO GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA IS DEAD

Serving As Lieut. Governor, Fills Duties of Highest State Office.

New Orleans, Feb. 26.—News of the death of Bismarck R. Pinchback, son of P. B. S. Pinchback, the only negro who ever served as governor of Louisiana, was received in New Orleans Monday. Pinchback, who had been ill two years, had been an employe of the auditor's office of the treasury department for 20 years.

The death of the son revives the story of Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback, a Georgian of negro stock, who came to Louisiana during the reconstruction days and became governor of the state for two months. He was an inspector of customs of New Orleans in 1867 during the carpet bag regime, and later was made lieutenant governor during the administration of Henry Clay Warmoth.

It was in December, 1872, and January, 1873, that Pinchback acted as governor, the two months of the Warmoth impeachment proceedings. The elder Pinchback died about two years ago and was buried in Metairie cemetery over the protests of the citizens of New Orleans, and is the only person of negro blood buried there. He purchased the plot twenty years before his death.

Some members are always finding something wrong with their presidents. If a man is wrong you should reason with him, and by so doing you may get things straight.

When a president will not do right, just get you another one when the time comes. But be sure you know what you are doing. If you don't know just hush your mouth.

FORMER SLAVE OF JEFF DAVIS DEAD

Jackson, Miss., March 6.—Isaiah T. Montgomery, negro leader and former slave of Jefferson Davis prior to the secession of the Confederate States, died at his home in Mound Bayou, an exclusive negro town, Wednesday night. Montgomery was 77 years old and was founder of the negro town.

Montgomery served as a cabin boy under Admiral Porter of the federal fleet which operated in the Mississippi river during the Civil war.

During reconstruction days in the South, Montgomery and his brother bought the Briarfield plantation from the Davis family and became owners where once the negroes were slaves. One of the most famous litigation cases in the Mississippi supreme court was over the Briarfield plantation in which the Montgomerys lost. Isaiah was then backed by white men to found a negro town in the Mississippi delta.

Montgomery, while serving as the leader for many years in Mound Bayou, was a member of the Mississippi legislature, and was the only negro member of the Mississippi constitutional convention of 1890. He had been trained by Jefferson Davis to be a private secretary and was well educated.

All agents who install fifty new members by the Convention will receive a prize of $5.00 in gold. Those installing seventy-five members will receive $5.00 in gold and $4.00 in silver. Those installing one hundred members will receive $10.00 in gold and $2.00 in silver. This contest begins March 15, lasting throughout the Convention.

E. F. YOUNG,
Gen. President.

COURT UPHOLDS HENRY'S BOND

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 26.—T. M. Henry, state insurance commissioner, won a legal skirmish in circuit court here today when Judge Wiley H. Potter ruled that the failure of former Governor Russell to approve the bond of Henry was null and void. Henry remains in office as a result of the dismissal of the quo warranto proceedings late Tuesday.

NOTICE

All presidents are requested to meet the board early with your reports ready so that we may be able to leave the country before night. This is a heavy collection and it is a bit dangerous for any president to leave his home by himself. Every paper we read we find from three to four robberies taking place every day.

E. F. YOUNG,
Gen. President.

As General Secretary, I am proud to report that out of the ten cent payment on the building for the second quarter, that we have collected already more than $175.00. This is a very good showing considering the fact that a large number of the lodges paid fifty-five cents to begin with, and did not have to make a report in the second quarter. All presidents are requested to send in their reports on the building before the board, for we positively receive no reports on the building at the board.

Prof. D. D. Funchess is the teacher of the Union Bible Class at Magee, Miss.

Watch the "X" on your paper and govern yourself accordingly.

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EDITORIAL

There are many handicaps that confront men of all nations and races. Not every handicap, however, that confronts man is brought on by some other source rather than man himself. We are sometimes our own handicap; we are the weights that hang everlastingly about our own feet. Any man who keeps his feet so heavy with these weights that he must stoop down, take his hands and move them forward before his feet can move, in the same direction, is a failure to begin with. Some men take the advantage of handicaps and make them stepping stones to success. However, it is not every man who has the courage to do this. Sometimes the little handicaps retard our progress more so than the large ones. A number of times we say and do the things that we should not say and do; we do not mean to do harm, yet harm is done. I shall consider a handicap as being something to impede progress or something that might render advantages more difficult to achieve. Therefore, the wind that blows a ship a few yards off its course is a handicap to that ship.

I heard a colored man say that whenever he walks into a business place that is operated by white people, and is asked by some one, "What do you want, John?" he is handicapped for the simple reason his reply is, "Nothing, sir," then he goes on to the next place looking for the thing that he desires. I am sure he is handicapped, for as a matter of fact nine employees out of ten will, if they do not know them by name, address Negro men, old or young, as "Jim" or "John." Colored women are addressed as "Antie," old or young, it is "Antie." Why does a white man call us "Jim," "John," "Uncle" or "Antie" when he doesn't know our name. He calls negroes by these names because he is ignorant of the fact that it is unappreciated by our people. When I use the term ignorant, I only mean there are some things we do not know. When any man fails to know of certain facts, he is ignorant of those facts. At one time I thought the white man gave Negroes these names because he desired to show disrespect for the Negro, but through observation and conversation, I have come to believe that the white man feels that it is somewhat of an honor to name all Negroes when they walk in their places of business. Of course he knows it isn't the greatest honor, and yet he thinks it is enough for the Negro.

The more enlightened and intelligent Negro does not appreciate these terms, "Jim," "John" and "Nigger" any more than the white man appreciates the terms "Red Necks," "Pecks," "Crackers" or "Sages." I care not what you think of it, a white man does not appreciate those terms when applied to him. If you do not believe it, address him with such terms when he walks into your place of business and see what will be the reply. I have thought that the white man should have reason within himself that the same rule would apply to us, but I believe not.

There are so many members of our race who seem to be satisfied with "Jim," etc., that it makes the white man feel that that is just what we want. I heard of a certain Negro who received a good kick once a week for 25 cents by a rich white farmer. It is said that the Negro was employed in a garage in the city, and the farmer would bring his car once a week to be examined. On entering the garage he would find the Negro bending over doing some work. Without saying a word he would walk up behind the Negro and kick him; sometimes he would kick him over. The Negro would jump and look around, "Ha, ha, ha, Cap, I didn't see you." The farmer would pitch him 25 cents and say, "Jim examine my car." As soon as the farmer was gone the Negro would say to his friends, "Does you all know what, Mr. Johnson sho is one good man. Does you know he kicks me like dat once a week, but one thing 'bout him he never fails to give me my twenty-five cents." There are many of our people today who feel that it is an honor to be kicked by a white man, and the white man proves that it is an honor by giving him 25 cents. That same white man will, in the long run, feel that all negroes are about alike.

We must let the white man know that there are members of our race who do not appreciate such names and such actions. We consider them as handicaps. I do not mean to say that we should hit the first man in the mouth and raise a big fuss because he calls us "Jim." That is not the way

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by any means, but if he calls us "Jim" and our name is "Johnson," we should say in a polite and manly way, "Sir, I beg your pardon, this is Johnson." Any thinking white man would take that in the best spirit. If, however, he continues to call us by such name, and we feel that it is more than we can bear, let us find another place to do our shopping and when we begin to flock to certain places somebody is going to desire to know the reason for it. In this way we can mold sentiment without offending or being offended.

Some of our people seem to think the South is a handicap to them, and to rid themselves of this handicap they are going North and East. I will admit that the South is to some extent a handicap, and I am sure we will find handicaps wherever we go, but let us resolve to make stepping stones to success out of these handicaps. Let's make out of them ladders by which we reach the top. Let's make out of them airplanes by which we penetrate the skies. Let's make out of them locomotives that go winding over the mountains and through great tunnels. Let's make of them great trussels and bridges by which we cross the rivers. Let's make out of them steamships like the George Washington and the great Titanic by which we sail the mighty ocean and find our feet treading upon distant soil.

I have never tried to get our people to go North, neither have I persuaded them to stay in the South, but I have let them be persuaded by their own free will. A few days ago I read an article in one of our papers touching upon the Negro exodus. General Hemingway, Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi, thinks the rural population is too large and the urban population too small. Therefore, the noted lawyer thinks a great mistake has been made by the Mississippians who have endeavored to hold the Negroes in Mississippi. He feels that the distribution of the colored man throughout the nation will make the race a national question, and will "lift its crushing burden off the shoulders of the Southern white man."

I believe the race is already a national question, not only a national question, but is it not an international question. The Negro is being discussed by the world's greatest thinkers. The great scientists are studying the Negro. The psychologist, by introspection, is trying to arrive at some conclusion. The anthropologist, by research and delving into the unseen mysteries of relics and forms, is discussing and trying to find out something about the Negro. President Harding, in an address to the South, October 16, 1921, at Birmingham, Alabama, discussed the race problem at length, and this is the first time that any President of the United States has devoted a formal address to the race problem. He said the race problem is no longer sectional, but is now national, and even international. The problem of races is a problem of Africa, of the Pacific, of the South Seas, of the world. Then, is it true that the Negro must migrate to different sections in order that the race may become a national question.

Since Lawyer Hemingway thinks it is to Mississippi's advantage in the long run to let the Negro go, I think I shall have to say Amen. For he is going. I saw one of my friends a few nights ago at the depot. I asked, "Where are you going, sir?" He replied, "Back home." I said, "Where, back to Toomsuba to farm?" "No, back to Chicago."

It may appear to the lawyer that they should go, but the farmers who have thousands of acres of land to attend do not see it in that light. That is why they are trying to keep the Negro in the South. Lawyer Hemingway has suggested that the rural population is too large and the urban population too small. He also sees the necessity of laying the foundation for a more stable rural society, and this must be done by the removal of the Negroes and supplanting of whites. If this is done it appears to me that in a short while all of the towns and cities of Mississippi and of other Southern states, and some of the Northern will have a greater population of colored than white. Well, this may be of advantage to us. If the greater portion of the inhabitants of Meridian were colored, I believe that we could have more co-operative organizations. Our words would be worth more in court. We could operate wholesale dry goods and grocery stores, hotels and laundries could all be operated by us because of the great number of our people to support these enterprises.

I think we should face the race question with more seriousness. The Negro is not only a farmer, but he is proving himself worthy in many phases of life. We have got a long way to go, and yet we have covered ground that we should not be ashamed of. I read an article a few days ago stating that two Negroes, father and

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son, were carried to Jackson, Mississippi, for safe keeping. The paper stated that a white farm boss struck the father of the Negro boy with a piece of wood because he had not obeyed orders on the farm. The son immediately shot the farm boss which caused instant death. I do not know what the outcome was or will be, but both father and son may receive capital punishment. The white gentleman and the two Negroes should be living today in peace, but why aren't they? According to the statement of the paper, inhuman treatment is the cause. People should not be beaten with wood, sticks, etc. Men who care for their stock will not allow them to be beaten with wood. I think it is absolutely wrong to use the lash on people who are farmers, or those of any other profession when they are free. It is a handicap.

The better thinking white people believe in treating the Negroes better than they are treated, and they are demanding better treatment in a number of places. Our people are greatly in need of training, and it takes patience, endurance and willingness of mankind to train those who so greatly need it. No child walks without being taught. No child reads without a teacher, and no race can progress by too much oppression. Trained men and women of the colored race are few in number, and if our people are to be freed from the fetters and chains of a number of handicaps of which we cannot control, we must have better treatment, higher wages, better schools, and a better opportunity in general.

Miss L. Buchanan, principal of the North Gulfport School, visited Mt. Olive, Miss., a few days ago. Miss Buchanan, together with Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Durr, Mr. J. H. Jackson, Miss Grubbs and others, visited Magee, Miss.

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It is rumored that some of our local presidents and agents are receiving persons in the H. B. A. who are over 60 years of age. The constitution clearly states that no one over 60 and no one under 12 years of age shall be permitted to join the H. B. A. I think that is enough said.

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Mrs. B. V. Griffin, daughter of Mrs. O. C. Catchings, has returned to her home, St. Louis, Mo. She has been at the bedside of her sick mother in Meridian. Mrs. Catchings is now up and reports that she is ready to do more for the H. B. A. Building than ever.

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Mr. M. V. B. Pitts, president of No. 128, reports that he and his members have purchased a hall at Toomsuba. He reports that the property is in a desirable place, and his members are very well pleased with it.

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Please watch the "X" on your paper and govern yourself accordingly.

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Dear Editor: We were very glad to have Rev. E. F. Young, General President of the H. B. A., on February 2. His visit was of much value to us. He said many good things of interest and great importance to our folks. We are proud to say that No. 112 has gotten four applications since his visit, and we believe they will mean much to our lodge and our success. Our trip from the station with Rev. Young was an enjoyable one. Mrs. Moses met Rev. Young for her first time, and she regrets the stay in his company was so short. I enjoy reading The Echo very much, and am sending you a year's subscription.

W. M. MOORE,
Route 5, Box 6, DeKalb, Miss.

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Dear Editor: Brother Tom Armstrong departed this life February 18, 1924. He was a member of No. 111. He was a member in good standing with his lodge in every respect. We believe he is now sleeping with Jesus. Those of us whom you have left behind say to you, "Sleep on, for the soul that sleeps in Jesus will ever be at rest."

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H. B. A. BOARDS A GREAT SUCCESS

It goes without saying among those who witnessed the last sessions of the Boards that they were quite a success.

On March 18 the jolly band of presidents, together with Prof. A. Buckley, General Agent, the General President and Secretary, were making their way to Gumpond Rural Station. The weather was a bit unpleasant for a while, but very soon the clouds had rolled back and the sun was shining. Mr. B. J. Williams and his good people were glad to see the arrival of those who composed the Board. We were royally entertained while at Gumpond, and we believe the good people were delighted to have us with them. We all were hungry on our arrival, but we were full when we left. Mrs. B. J. Williams and the rest of the ladies saw to it that the visitors had a plenty to eat.

The door of the H. B. A. was opened for new application, and in a short while we had received 14 applications for membership.

On March 19 we were at the old historic spot, "Holbrook," the place where the H. B. A. began, the place from which the Association gets its name. The old building is in a very dilapidated condition, yet we adore the spot. Rev. J. C. Armstrong said in a speech that he desired to see the photograph of the old building, and since we are contemplating purchasing a building, we thought it a capital idea to let the picture of the old building hang upon the walls of the hall in the new building. Rev. M. S. Knott in a short while delivered a wonderful message to the Board. The welcome address by Mrs. Easter Johnson was a masterpiece. The Board was well cared for by Mr. Roberts and his good members.

On the twentieth we were at Pine Ridge No. 44. It was a bit cold and unpleasant. The roads were muddy, the wind was blowing, but none of this seemed to have impeded the sweet peace and progress of our work. Mr. Wm. Moore and his members spared no pains in entertaining the Board. It has been our desire for quite a while to visit No. 44, and may it be known that we do not regret our trip whatever.

About five years ago it was a common thing to meet people on the streets of Meridian with a begging list soliciting aid in order that they might bury their relatives. There was hardly a funeral but what a collection had to be taken at the Church over the dead body in order to defray the funeral expense. Since January 1, the undertakers of Meridian have had at least fifteen H. B. A.'s to handle; an average of five per month. Whenever an H. B. A. dies, that is sure money. The undertakers had rather bury an H. B. A. than any other person. Why? IT IS SURE MONEY! Well, I think they are right for that, for no man can afford to work for nothing.

One complaint I have to make, though I may be criticized for it. Our people put too much in the ground. I know that we all want to put our relatives away decently, but we should not take all that we are to get from the Association and put it into the ground. We are not able to do it. I think we should live in the H. B. A. for something more than a burial. It is right for any man or woman to advise the relatives to not put all the Association gives in the ground. We must prepare for the rainy day, the cold day and the sick day. In the last Board we had funeral expense from $35.00 to $214.00. In No. 3 we had seven deaths, only one expensive funeral because of shipping the body, etc.; it amounted to $198.00. We paid $200.50, the representative will receive $2.50. In Nos. 1 and 2 we paid $225.91. The highest funeral was $214.00. The representative received $11.91. The second highest was $210.50, the third was $207.00. Let us ask ourselves the question: Is it right for us to take all the poor people give us and put it in the ground to be covered with dirt, never to be seen again?

The following is the report of each local lodge that paid 25c for publication:

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Lodge No.	Dues	Back Claims.	Death Claims.
1	$ 5.76	$	$ 55.37
2	6.96		66.67
22	5.04		48.59
3	4.92		47.46
119	5.88	.75	56.50
86	.96		10.17
59	3.72	3.95	36.16
21	5.88		58.76
18	2.14		20.34
51	4.80	1.25	46.33
60	3.24		31.64
84	3.48		33.90
69	6.24		65.54
40	4.68		45.20
28	6.84		65.54
4	8.16		77.97
6	.84		9.04
24	4.80		46.33
67	3.12		30.51
33	7.44		71.19
20	5.64		54.24
8	1.56		16.95
17	3.60		35.03
5	1.56	1.25	15.82

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19	18.84		180.80
139	2.16		21.47
11	2.04		20.34
70	4.20		40.68
129	2.40		23.73
54	1.68		16.95
113	1.92	1.00	19.21
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EDITORIAL

The Mississippi Association of Teachers in Colored Schools met at the Court House, April 2, 1924, at 8 p. m. The program was very lengthy and yet it was not tiresome because of interesting speeches made by various speakers. The chorus by our local talent was exceptionally good. Invocation was offered by Rev. T. Hutchins of our city. The singing by the students of the Baptist Seminary, directed by Mrs. G. M. Reece, was good. Dr. H. M. Ivy, Superintendent of city schools, delivered the welcome address on part of the public schools. His words were few, nevertheless, as has been said, it was much in a few words.

Prof. G. M. Reece of the Baptist Seminary was at himself in a welcome on part of private schools. Those who followed him acknowledged that he was an orator well-fitted for the occasion. Miss Lula Mae Price rendered a beautiful solo. Dr. D. W. Sherrod, in a welcome address on part of civic and business organizations, made all visitors feel at home. He assured them that they would receive the courtesy of the citizens of Meridian while here.

Dr. L. R. Christie of the First Baptist Church, in a welcome on part of the city, delivered a masterpiece. He said a number of things that white people usually think and speak when talking to one or two persons (colored), but there were hundreds to listen to his message. Dr. Christie said good men don't hate. The logical conclusion then, is men who hate are not good. No matter what the race, color or creed, if you hate mankind you are not a good man. The truth of the matter is, a large number of both white and colored hate each other. But the good man does not hate. Dr. Christie said that the crime of lynching is a diabolic and undeniable shame upon any nation. It is good to pass laws against it, says he, but until man gets his heart and head right it will continue. He emphasized the fact that in order to break down this great evil, both white and colored must begin teaching the babes in the cradle not to hate, but love. And until hatred is supplanted by love, we will never remove the great evil. He also emphasized the fact that there is and has been for hundreds of generations, a feeling of hatred among certain classes of whites and blacks. It appears as if this hatred is just born in us, or at least taught from the cradle, and no matter how much religion one gets it still remains. The best way to rid ourselves of this hatred is to die and leave it. It is like Johnson grass. You may pull it up by the root, put it in the sun and it will dry up. But let a little water strike it and that old dry root comes back to life. Dr. Christie said that the Negro race had taught the white race one great lesson—the lesson of forgiveness. What a wonderful thing it is to forgive. In order to do away with sin we must get the heart and head right.

The response by President Battles of Okolona Industrial School was great. His thoughts were along the same line of our editorial in the last issue. Men of today, both white and black, no longer fear to speak the truth. God grant that they will not only speak the right thing, but for God's sake let us do it.

The Jackson College quartette did honor to that institution. Prof. B. F. Baker of Gulfport rendered a beautiful solo. He, as well as the Jackson quartette and the quartette from the Baptist Seminary, were encored.

Prof. T. J. Harris, principal of Wechsler High School, was master of ceremonies. Miss Emma B. Ivy was directress of music, while Miss Geneva Gaines was the pianist.

Dear Editor: This comes to inform you of the death of Sister Maggie Whitehead, a member of No. 111. She was a good, dutiful member, and true to her trust. Sister Rachel Smith of No. 72 has also passed away. She was a good, faithful member in both church and society.

Yours for the cause,
REV. D. H. WATSON.

The good people of El Bethel Baptist Church are doing a great work with their new pastor, Rev. Y. DeYampert of Alabama. The church is being made new in and outside. Rev. R. L. Young preached for the Star Club on the fourth Sunday at 3 p. m., and for Rev. J. D. Wheaton of the M. E. Church, at night.

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135	.84		9.04
147	2.88		28.25
16	6.12		58.76
96	3.48		33.90
56	2.16		21.47
61	2.64		25.99
136	3.12		30.51
125	2.40		23.73
89	4.32		41.81
121	2.40		23.73
100	3.16		21.47
110	5.88		56.50
15	7.80		74.58
72	5.40		51.98
64	9.00		85.88
30	5.28		50.85
68	5.40	3.75	51.98
27	3.84		37.29
117	1.68		16.95
32	6.78		62.15
42	4.56	1.25	44.07
134	1.56	1.25	15.82
44	4.44		42.94
25	1.44		14.69
50	2.76		27.12
101	3.60		35.03
47	5.28		50.85
78	4.32		41.81
13	4.08		39.55
104	.96		10.17
46	5.40		51.98
112	.84		9.04
45	1.80		18.08
138	.92		4.92
98	3.36		36.13

DISTRICT No. 3

57	18.48	.75	203.00
109	2.28		25.60
80	3.84		46.44
146	4.80		46.08
141	3.00		33.28
156	1.08		12.80
82	6.84	3.00	74.24
76	2.32		21.76
52	3.42		34.56
92	6.02	3.00	60.16
95	7.36		75.52
66	.84		10.24
23	11.60		122.88
152	1.32		15.36
120	3.00		33.28
108	3.72		40.96
151	1.92		21.76
105	2.16		24.32
63	2.96		30.72
118	1.66		17.92
155	1.44		16.64
102	3.36		37.12
133	6.24		67.84
116	1.68		19.20
71	.24		2.56
103	1.56		17.04
159	1.56		25.17
153	2.64		29.44
158	1.68		19.20
128	.36		5.12
58	2.88	3.05	32.00
145	.60		7.68
77	1.44		17.16
62	1.92		23.48
75	.60		7.68
94	.84		10.36
49	.96		11.52
123	3.84		34.91
127	2.16		24.32

Total amount of death claims raised in No. 3	$1,403.50
Total amount of death claims raised in Nos. 1 and 2	3,388.65
Back death claims	25.63
Back dues	11.23
Grand Total Dues	500.00
Grand Total Death Claims	4,817.78
Grand Total Raised	5,317.78

Those who are guiding the old ship of the H. B. A. should be complimented for the great good that is being done for our people. I wish to say for the benefit of some of our presidents and members, and may you not be alarmed when I say for some of the general officers, that the H. B. A. is run on a cheap basis. Sometimes a general officer says there should be a plenty of money in our treasury. Well, if he knew how to figure a little bit he would know better.

The figures below will give you a faint idea about our money and how it is spent. Any business person will readily see that we are running on a cheap basis. Each member pays 48 cents per year for the running expense of the Association. Of this amount the General President is allowed 20 cents per member, the General Secretary 10 cents per member, the Vice-President 2 1-2 cents per member, the Treasurer 3 cents per member. By adding these amounts we get a total of 35 1-2 cents. Subtract 35 1-2 cents from 48 and we have a balance of 12 1-2 cents. Let us suppose we have four thousand members, then multiply 4,000 by 12 1-2 and we get $500.00 above the officers' salary.

Now let the railroad expense average per year	$ 80.00
Constitutions	12.00
Quarterly Blanks	15.00
Stationery, stamps, books, ink, pencils, etc.	50.00
Donation to General Officers at Convention	25.00
License	54.00
Examination	75.00
Pins	25.00
Policies	12.00
Committees at Boards	50.00
Sextons and hall rent	25.00
Making up statement	1.50
Incidentals	25.00
Total	$449.50

Subtracting this amount from $500 we have a balance of $50.50 for the year. Can you not see what goes with the little money that we collect? I am not surprised to know that some of the local presidents could not see this, but whenever we, as general officers, go around talking about what ought to be in the treasury, you just put it down that we are merely figure heads in some good man's way. In order to run the H. B. A. on the basis that we now operate there must be some shaving done. We will be compelled to pay our own committees and a part, if not all, of our railroad expense. We promised the Convention at Hattiesburg that we would run the Association on 12 cents, and it must be done, gentlemen. I fear some of us who are now complaining are getting more than we deserve.

R. L. YOUNG,
General Secretary.

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We, the County Council of Lauderdale County, met on the nineteenth of January, 1924, as requested, then a circular letter, which also appeared in the Meridian Star, asking that all members of the County Council meet at the County Court House for the purpose of electing officers and perfecting plans for the Negro Fair.

It having been reported that the 1923 Fair was unable to pay its premiums, other steps were taken to curtail expenses. Hence, new officers were considered, knowing that our President was President of the great H. B. A., and pastoring several churches, could not give his time to work up a fair, and our Secretary, who was also Secretary of this great body, and pastoring, could not afford to give his time to this work. Failing to get a meeting of these officers, it was unanimously agreed with the County Council to name as its President, Prof. Thomas A. Shadwick; Mr. R. E. Cole, Vice-President; Mrs. Viola Lewis, Treasurer; Mrs. P. A. Dungan, Secretary; Dr. D. W. Sherrod, Advisory, and Prof. T. J. Harris, General Manager.

The County Council wants these officers to feel that their work was entirely satisfactory, but as stated, owing to other business which has to be attended to by them, could not give the Fair the year-round attention it needed. Hence, new officers that could give more service, were named, and we earnestly plead for your cooperation, for the Lauderdale County Negro Fair must live.

Trusting this will meet your approval, we are,

THOMAS A. SHADWICK,
President.
MRS. P. A. DUNGAN, Sec.

Be it further known that this committee made a report of the change to Mr. A. H. George, Secretary of the Mississippi-Alabama Fair, one who has never failed to give us information in this work, and one who considers the Lauderdale County Negro Fair an auxiliary to his fair. Let it be remembered that the Negro Fair will be held at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair Grounds, October 23, 24 and 25, 1924.

WECHSLER HIGH SCHOOL LICKS EUREKA HIGH

The Eureka High School of Hattiesburg, Miss., is in the city, playing a series of baseball games. Monday and Tuesday games were played with the Wechsler High School. Both games were well attended and the teams about equally matched. The aggregation from Hattiesburg took the lead from the start on Monday, and it looked for a while that they would shut the local boys out. However, the local team rallied in the seventh inning and before the close of the game piled up enough scores to win the game. The score stood 10 to 9 in favor of the Wechsler High School. The game Tuesday was thrilling from the start. For several innings neither side scored. In the fourth inning the scores were nothing. Hattiesburg had all bases full. Frank Woodson, Hattiesburg's star second baseman, was called to bat, knocked a home run, giving the visitors four scores. The local boys were able to prevent any further scoring for this inning, and in their half of the fourth rallied and made one score. It was then up and down until the scores stood 6-6. Everybody was in suspense until the last half of the eighth, when Willie Jones of the Wechsler School evened up with Woodson, and knocked a three-bagger. The game resulted in a score, after a hard-fought battle, of 7 to 10 in favor of the Wechsler School.

Wechsler—F. Hayes, T. Harris, G. Webb, J. Grant, W. Fitts, R. Price, E. Dozier, R. Matthews, W. Jones.

Eureka—D. Boone, M. Brown, L. Love, H. Kelly, R. Neal, S. E. Wilson, F. Woodson, H. Smith, Willie Wells, H. Mott.

Prof. J. W. Addison, Principal of the Eureka High School of Hattiesburg, is in charge of the boys, and will play two games with Haven, and will then leave for Jackson and Utica.

NOTICE!

All persons desiring receipts for the amount you have paid on the building may obtain them by sending postage to my address.

R. L. YOUNG.

Rev. J. C. Barlow, President of H. B. A. No. 35, departed this life March 15, 1924. Rev. Barlow is the second president for the past eight years to die in actual service as president of a Lodge. While his soul rests and he sleeps beyond the vale, let us prepare to meet him, for we, too, must cross the stream.

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"AS IT BEGAN TO DAWN"

The first great word in the Easter story is *morning*. "Very early in the morning as it began to dawn, they came to the sepulchre." The Easter Gospel came then, for the first time upon the world in the morning, very early, at the rising of the sun. It is Christ who has brought to the world the gift of the "morning heart."

The first Easter sunrise was a long, long time ago. But in many large spaces of the earth, it is still the dark hour before sunrise. There has been no Easter dawn. Indeed, throughout the whole of Asia, there is just discernible the rising of the sun which is beginning to throw the light of Christian truth into the receding circle of darkness.

There is no romance in history more fascinating than to trace the oncoming Easter dawn on all the world. The story of the spread of Christianity could be told in terms of ships. The ships, little and great, which have carried the messengers of Christ to all the world have literally been loaded with a cargo of sunrise. We see the beginning of the story when Paul takes ship on the Mediterranean. A few centuries later brave and daring hearts pushed beyond the gates of Hercules at Gibraltar, and sailed up to that abode of wild savages known as Britain. There they planted the Cross by the seashore. Centuries later over the Atlantic was carried the good news of the Easter sunrise and the living Christ. Today the ships plowing across the Pacific, each with missionaries on board, bring a new dawn into Asia. In that great adventure Methodism has had a noble share. From the earliest days the Methodist Church has had a passion for ships and salt water. From the time when Melville Cox carried the Gospel to Africa, through the days of Thoburn, William Butler and William Taylor, the Church has been at the great task of carrying to a world waiting in darkness, the light of morning.

Again as Easter Day approaches the Church is asked to mark the season with a new sharing in that great task, by making a special Easter offering of one day's pay to be given at Easter time to the World Service of the Church.

Everyone, who in a spirit of consecration, gives his Easter offering of a day's pay, is saying in a very real form to his brother here in America and in lands across the sea—"He is Risen!"—Christian Advocate.

NOTICE

H. B. A. Badges are now for sale. Quite a few of the presidents have put their orders in. All lodges desiring badges will notify the General Secretary.

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To all presidents and members of the H. B. A.: I now have out a helpful finance card that will last you two years. It carries a special space for dues and death claims for two years, with the quarters designated. It has a space for special tax and a space for monthly dues. It would be of great help to any and every member. It will serve as your receipt from the president and lodge, whenever you pay out money. In fact, it is not a wise idea for any one to pay out money without getting a receipt for same. As I have said, this card will last you two years. A large number of the presidents are using them already. The cost is only ten cents. You keep your own account two years for ten cents. All presidents who order now can save money.

R. L. YOUNG.

An "X" on your paper is an indication that your subscription is out. Please renew.

PICKING THEM

A commercial traveler visiting a Glasgow warehouse made a bet with the manager that he would pick out all the married men among the employees.

Accordingly he stationed himself at the door as they returned from dinner, and mentioned all those whom he believed to be married. In almost every case he was right.

"How do you do it?" asked the manager.

"Oh, it's quite simple," said the traveler. "The married men wipe their feet on the mat; the single ones don't."

HAT SIZES

A drama from the shop counter:

Enter a woman and a lad. "I want a hat for my boy," she announced.

"Yes, ma'am; what size does he wear?"

"Nine-ten-elevens," she answered.

"What size is that?" asked the astonished hatter. "I'm afraid we don't stock it."

"Well," snapped the woman, "the last one he had was six-seven-eights, and he wants a size bigger. I suppose that will be nine-ten-elevens, won't it?"

PAYING HIS DEBTS

Doctor—Young man, you owe your very remarkable recovery to your wife's tender care.

The Patient—It's kind of you to tell me, doc. I shall make out the check to my wife.—Life.

THE SARACASICIST

"You claim to be kind hearted, and yet you are sarcastic."

"Sarcasm," said Miss Cayenne, "is usually an effort to make a gentle suggestion meet a state of affairs that by rights demands a severe reproof."—Washington Evening Star.

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EDITORIAL

In the last issue, Professor A. T. Shadwick spoke in behalf of the Lauderdale County Negro Fair, a concern which I dearly love. May I say that Prof. Shadwick and I are good friends and I feel that we shall always be friends. He said it was reported that the last fair could not pay off its premiums because the president and secretary could not give it year-round attention. The great expense that was made during the last fair was made by the Demonstration Agent, and had it not been for the stand that the rest of the officers took we would have been deeply in debt. I, as secretary of the last fair, have been informed that all premiums were not paid, but they were not promised by the president, secretary nor general manager. Be it understood that we did just what we promised and then some more. It also goes without saying that the last fair, with all of its shortcomings, was the best in its history. It was the talk of the city and country. I am ready to do my bit to make the next fair a success; but let it be understood that you must get up and hustle to beat 1923. May I ask for the new officers your hearty support for had it not been for the co-operation of our people last year we could not have succeeded.

Mr. Dixie Russell, President of H. B. A. No. 147, together with his wife and members, had a grand time at their Lodge a few nights ago. A delightful and interesting program was rendered. They had plenty of cake and cream to serve the visitors. A large number of the people from the city were present. Mr. G. B. McNiece, President of No. 91, with his quartette, were present and rendered a beautiful selection. Mrs. T. J. Harris was at the piano. Short speeches were made by Mrs. T. J. Harris, Messrs. Will Bourdeaux, Young and Rushing. Russell is an active man in the right place.

THE GREATEST COUNTRY

The American statesman was introduced to the Scot as "one of the leading politicians of modern times and the greatest authority upon international law that the world has ever known."

The Scot looked him up and down for a moment, and then asked:

"From what land d'ye come?"

"From the greatest country in the world," replied the statesman, with a smile.

The Scot shook his head.

"Puir bairn, puir bairn!" he sighed. "Ye've lost yer Scottish accent."

QUEER EXCUSES

Governor Ritchie said at a dinner in Baltimore:

"France spends money lavishly, but won't pay her debts. Her excuses —well, they remind me of a story.

"As a bankrupt broker sat in his dining room feasting on a 26-pound turkey, one of his creditors called:

"'Ah, George,' said the creditor, 'when a man can't pay his debts he oughtn't to be eating a magnificent turkey like that.'

"'I know it.' Thus the bankrupt regretfully excused himself as he sliced off a superb slice of breast. 'I know it, old fellow, but how could I afford to keep such a bird?'"

SEEING THINGS

Opening a wine shop near the famous leaning tower of Pisa, a native struggled for several months and then suddenly pulled up stakes overnight, removing to a distant part of the city.

An American friend ventured to inquire the cause of his hasty departure. The explanation was graphic.

"Ze tourist, he came to my wine shop. He takes two drinks of my good wine, maybe three. He stroll out. He see zat leaning tower. He rush to ze notary and take ze pledge. I have to move."—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

A STONY ANCESTOR

Josiah Quincy, of Boston, tells of how he was once identified by a laborer who was enlightening a friend. "That is Josiah Quincy," said the first laborer. "An, who is Josiah Quincy?" demanded the other. "Don't ye know who Josiah Quincy is?" demanded the first man; "I niver saw such ignorance. Why, he's the grandson of the statue out there in the yard."

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Of The Echo, published on the 1st and 15th of each month, at Meridian, Mississippi, for April 1, 1924.

State of Mississippi,

County of Lauderdale.

Before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Roy L. Young, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the owner of The Echo, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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ROY L. YOUNG, Owner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of April, 1924.

(Seal) W. D. ROBERTS,
Justice of the Peace.

(My commission expires Jan. 1, 1928).

NOTES

General Agent A. Buckley has organized a new Lodge at Sandersville. Mrs. Minnie Dozier is President.

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Dr. L. J. King was recently called to his home at Port Gibson to visit sick relatives. He has just returned and reports them much improved.

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Mr. Chester Waters, Jr., spent a few days at his home in Laurel, Miss., a few days ago. He is now back at Haven Institute.

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Prof. A. Buckley recently made a visit to Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Church and reports it to be quite a live wire. Rev. Jenkins, the pastor, is very enthusiastic, and is loved by all.

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Rev. E. B. Blackman reports that his daughter, Miss Mamie Blackman, who now lives in Bogalusa, La., has been very ill. The mother was called to the bedside of her daughter, but has now returned to her home at Bassfield, Miss., leaving her daughter very much improved.

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Rev. J. H. Hendrix is to be married to Miss V. A. Portis of Toomsuba, Miss., April 30, at 2 p. m. Rev. Hendrix is one of the leading pastors of the Baptist Church. He has a Church at York, Electric Mills, Enondale and Decatur. He is also trustee of the Baptist Seminary. Rev. Hendrix's wife is secretary of the Womans' District Convention of the First New Hope Association. They will make their home at Bailey, Miss.

Rev. R. L. Young and wife have moved to their home at Fourteenth Avenue and Twentieth Street.

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All persons sending mail to Rev. E. F. Young are advised to send it to 1503 Twenty-sixth Avenue, Meridian, Miss. When sending money make all Money Orders payable at Meridian.

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Mr. W. B. Buchanan of Magee, Miss., has been on the sick list for quite a while.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Magee have moved to Lyman, Miss. The people of Magee will miss them very much. Mrs. Jones was President of H. B. A. No. 52, and quite an active member of Goodwater C. M. E. Church.

ISAIAH STREET ROW

When the city authorities of Jerusalem recently named a little street after the Prophet Isaiah the Jewish council immediately protested that the prophet surely deserved to have a more pretentious street bear his name. And so, according to a German newspaper report, a lively controversy was started.—New York Times.

ANTICIPATION

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He—Gratitude, my dear, is a lively sense of favors yet to come!

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DISGRACE

"That youngest boy of yours does not seem to do you credit, Uncle Mose," remarked the minister to one of his negro parishioners.

"No, sah; no, sah," replied the old man sorrowfully. "He is the wurstest chile I ever had. He is mighty bad. Fact, he's de white sheep of de fam'ly, sah."

HIS STRONG POINT

"Good gracious!" said the visitor bachelor, "does your baby always cry that way?"

"Oh, dear, no!" responded his host. "He has quite an extensive repertoire, This is only one of his lighter performances. He reserves his heavy work for 2 o'clock in the morning."—Yorkshire Post.

WHY HE WAS GLOOMY

When Jones' rich grandmother passed away all his poverty-stricken friends rallied 'round him with words of cheer and comfort. But Jones remained sad and dejected.

"She left a last will and testament, I suppose?" murmured Jenkins, carelessly.

"Oh' yes," said Jones, "she left a will and testament."

They waited expectantly, while sobs choked back his words.

"I," he declared at last, "am to have the Testament."

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JOKES

One of the Young brothers fell out of his bed a few nights ago. He hit the floor, bim! It happened to be Young, Jr.

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Mr. Frank Berry looks good in his new flivver. He was out on a funeral a few days ago and his wife had to call him down. He was turning the sterring wheel and yelling, Wah, wah, sah! He evidently thought he was driving the gray.

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When a fellow first marries he kisses his wife every time he leaves the house. But ere long he forgets to kiss.

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A new wife is always expecting the husband to bring something from town.

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Jim Coplin and Joe Flemming went into a local restaurant near camp and said to the waiter, "We want Turkey with Greece." The waiter replied, "Sorry, sirs, but we can't Servia." "Well, then, get the Bosphorus." The boss came in and heard their order and said, "I don't want to Russia, but you can't Rumania." So the two soldiers went away Hungary.—Star.

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H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE

The following persons have died since the last Board: R. Leonard, No. 63, Carson, Miss.; Tom Armstrong, No. 111, Meridian; Lela Hogan, No. 15, Marion; Maggie Whitehead, No. 111, Meridian; J. C. Barlow, No. 35, Toomsuba; Inez Cregg, No. 103, Sandersville; Rachel Smith, No. 72, Meridian; Kizzie Evans, No. 139, Lizzie Ephram, No. 3; Lula Knox, No. 3; Lillie Sims, No. 33; Miranda Jones, No. 41; Callie Ann Sharp, No. 36; Will Brooks, No. 33; Mary Hall, No. 119; Annie Williams, No. 100; Robert Carter, No. 15; Isiah Nelson, No. 130. If any presidents have deceased members whose names do not appear in the above list, it will be advisable to notify me at once.

R. L. YOUNG.

The good people of Goodwater C. M. E. Church at Magee, Miss., put on a one week rally and realized more than $30 a few weeks ago. Mrs. Mary Hayes and Mr. L. D. McLeod raised $8, which was more than any of the four captains. Mrs. F. Grantham and Mr. Ellis Tims came second with $4.25. Rev. Young is sure to succeed with such leaders as McLeod, Hayes, Tims, King, Buchanan, Grantham, Rankins, Sullivan and others.

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Rev. I. C. Harper of Hattiesburg, Miss., has moved to his new home on Mobile street. His jewelry shop is moved to the up-town business section. Mrs. Harper is a professional milliner and seamstress. The dresses and hats made by Mrs. Harper look as good as any we have seen.

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Rev. R. L. Young left Mt. Olive last week for Magee, Miss. While there he was a bit ill, but was well cared for by one of his stewards and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Will Buchanan.

A few nights ago I visited one of the Sanctified Churches — "The Tongues." I think it is not fair to say too much about the other fellow's religion. I believe these people have a religion, but I doubt the Christianity. Every night for some considerable time they had the regular old "break down." All sorts of dancing, whooping, jumping, hollowing and the like, the Tongues have it. The preacher in the pulpit with his guitar cutting the "pigeon wing," the "monkey move" and all sorts of tommy rot." They claim they are on the right road. Well, maybe so, but I would like to know how many constructive programs have they ever put over; how many schools have they, how many organized churches, teachers, doctors, lawyers, drug stores, or educators have they. You may have as much religion as you please, but if there isn't some business about it it is not worth the snap of the finger. Suppose the world was depending upon this class of people for thinkers; well, it would be in a bad fix. I am quite sure I am criticized for a number of stands that I take, but I am not the first man to be criticized. The world is calling for men of talent and business. There is more foolishness and stuff carried on by some of us ministers in our churches than any other profession. Anything can preach these days—just anything. If a fellow comes up and wants to preach we are willing to accept his word. If he can read the Bible all right, and if not, all right. He says God prepares him and we believe it. If a man wishes to teach he must go to school; if he wishes to practice law he must go to a law school; if he wishes to be a mechanic he must be trained; if he wishes to practice medicine he must study; but if he wishes to preach all he has got to do is mourn and we say he has got it. There isn't anything to one-half of our religion. A religion that hasn't some strict business about it is not worth having.

All Presidents will note that I have sent you your building report blanks. A few of you have not responded to any of the reports. I have nothing to do with that whatever. The body ordered me to send them to you and I am doing it. You told your members to follow you, you were not going to pay and you did not want them to pay. That is your business, not mine. If those who pay let you by while they comply, that is their business. If they make you pay for it, that is their business. My business is to send you the report. All reports are to be in by June 1.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

A gold watch to be given away at the next Board for the lucky person in The Echo Contest. Only one hundred persons allowed to enter. Come prepared to enter. It will not cost more than one dollar, nor less than one cent. As to whether you win the gold watch or not you will receive The Echo for six months.

NOTICE!

If no further changes, the Boards will meet June 10, 11, 12. The amount to be collected will appear on the blanks. It will not exceed $1.25. All members should begin preparation now. No. 1 meets at ..... No. 2 at Pilgrim, six miles from Meridian on the Eighth Street good road. No. 3, at Stonewall, Miss.

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EDITORIAL

Sometime ago I wrote an article discussing the "Stumbling Blocks" to the Negro race. The one that interested me most at that time was the "Moonshine" block. I tried to picture the harm, hurt and danger that we as a race must undergo because of that low-down, dirty habit among our people. As I have said I say again: any man, woman, boy or girl who indulges in such habits is an unworthy character. He isn't trustworthy, he isn't reliable. He may be all right when he is sober and is at himself, but he is all wrong when he has "white lightning" in him. In the above statement I have reference to no particular person, but if it hurts YOU then I have reference to YOU, and I care not who YOU are.

It is a violation of this land and country of ours to have this life-sapping stuff in our possession, and the person, no matter who he may be, who disregards his own laws is less than a man. I have watched the Meridian Star for the past two or three weeks, and I am almost sure that there have been at least 30 or 40 whiskey cases among our people. I suspect there are five times as many Negroes as whites fined in Meridian for violating the prohibition law. This matter has struck me so forcibly that I desire to know why it is the members of my race, who are far less by number than the whites in Meridian, will more than triple the whites as violators of this law. Is it a matter of fact that my people are FOOLS and have not realized the importance of obeying the law? Is it a fact that the members of my race are being used as tools by the other race? Is it a fact that my people will be the wedge and allow themselves to be driven in a place and fastened and then be afraid to tell who has the maul, and who did the driving? Or is it a fact that unfair means are being taken to make it appear as if the Negros are naturally worse than other races? I know that there are some bad people in our race as well as in other races. There are some of us who do not respect ourselves and neither do we respect others. But after all there are people among all races who are obedient and try to have respect for law and order. That class of people who respect law and order should be respected and protected. I asked in a former question if unfair means were being taken to make it appear as if the Negro is naturally worse than other races. I wish to speak briefly on that question.

On or about May 4, some one went to a Justice of the Peace of this city and pretended as if there was a still being operated on my premises, or there was whiskey being kept on my premises by me or some of my people which was in violation to the laws of our land. The officers of the law were notified of this dirty act, and were furnished with search warrants. While my wife, brother and I were seated at our dinner table on the first Sunday in this month some one rapped on the door. I arose and answered the call. To my surprise it was an officer wtih a search warrant. After a few remarks I took him on the back and when I opened the back door one officer was standing in my kitchen and another on the back porch. They wanted to know if any whiskey was on the place. My reply was, "Not that I know.' "Well," says one, "if there is any here you had just as well tell us, for if it is here we will find it." They took the opportunity to search dressers, trunks, closets, kitchen cabinet, feed houses, sheds, toilet, sewage, and every conceivable place, but they found no whiskey.

This was on Sunday, the Lord's day. All of my neighbors were amazed to see the officers tumbling and turning trying to find whiskey on my premises. Well, it was enough to be amazed. Never had the like been done, nor have I ever been arrested for any cause whatever. It pained me to my heart for the officers to come and disturb the sweet peace and dignity of my home on SUNDAY to search for that dirty stuff which I abhor. The one thing that pleased me from beginning to end was this: I knew they would not find any unless the devil had placed it there and sent them there and told them where to find it. I told them that there ought and should be a law to punish the man who falsely accuses another. Not only did I tell them that, but I said any man who is dirty enough to accuse an innocent man is dirty enough to hide a bottle of whiskey around his place

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and then tell them where to find it.

I do not know who reported this to the officers, but it was their duty to search and find out as to whether it was true after it was reported. Yes, it was their duty. Of course if they had to search I would rather see them on Monday than Sunday. But I do not wish to discuss the officers of the law, I wish to discuss that "black-hearted" person who reported such—I know not who reported it. I do not know as to whether he was white or colored, but whoever he was he had a "black heart." Any man who will seek to destroy the peace, dignity, hospitality, good will, friendship, love and honorable citizenship of respectable citizens has a "black heart." I had one of the best citizens of all Meridian to tell me that had the officers found whiskey on my premises nine-tenths of the people would have believed that somebody else placed it there. Well, I believe that's true, but suppose it had been found. Would the law exempted me from a fine because of the belief of the people, or would I have been dealt with according to the evidence (moonshine) found on my premises?

I am told, by outsiders and not by the law, that the officers will pay "pimps" so much for every person reported, that is, if the accusation is true. I do not know as to whether this is true or not, but I strongly believe that the same man who reports to the officers for the money will sometimes get in tough luck and hide a pint in your car and then report it to the officers. If a man feels that the "moonshine" block is a hindrance and should be wiped out (and it truly is a hindrance and should be wiped out) he should be willing to report without charges or pay. I can hardly believe that officers would pay men to go around and report people unless it is a duly authorized agent that is being paid, for the simple fact it is the wrong step, and it will lead to lower ideals.

We have in the city of Meridian a large number of white and colored people who believe in doing the right and clean thing. I believe that we should have a committee on race relationship in our town. This committee should be composed of some of the best thinking, conservative and Christian-hearted members of each race. When I say "best thinking, conservative and Christian-hearted," I mean that with all the term implies. A committee of this kind should not be composed of "goodie-goodies," "jelly fish," "pussyfoots," "hat-in-my hand" and "me, too," bosses, neither should it be composed of radicals, hot-heads and the like. If a committee of this kind is organized in our town, I believe there will be less law breakers and violators. Fewer crimes will be committed and Meridian will be a safer place to live because of the work of this committee. We as races need to have a better understanding among ourselves. Misunderstanding is the cause of most of our trouble. I hope to see in the near future a committee of this kind in Meridian. The committee should not be composed of "good old ministers,' but ministers, doctors, teachers, lawyers, magistrates, business men, etc., should compose this committee.

One of the officers stated that it was a capital idea to watch the fellow who accuses, sometimes he is the one who has the "shine." Well, they, I suppose, know who reported it, and I truly hope they will watch him. If it is not a him, watch her. Is it true that we shall reap what we sow? If so, then we should be careful about the seed we sow.

The General Secretary was called to Prentiss, Miss., to install a new Lodge. Dr. W. J. Tate was elected President. The Lodge was organized with 63 members.

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All Presidents are requested to bring the cash, or Money Orders, to the Boards. We have some old checks on hand from the last Boards that we have not been able to cash. We will absolutely refuse to take checks from now on. Too many of our men are dishonest. After some of them are notified that the checks are turned down, they still let them go unnoticed. We mean no more checks to be cashed at the Boards.

Rev. R. L. Young has launched a $200 rally for the second Sunday in June at Goodwater C. M. E. Church, Magee, Miss. Two captains have been appointed—Messrs. L. D. McLeod and W. B. Buchanan. Great things are expected on the second Sunday in June.

HEARTLESS

"Ah," she sighed, "I shall never hear his footsteps again; the step I have listened for with eager ears as he came through the garden gate, the step that has so often thrilled my heart as I heard it on the front porch. Never, never again!"

"Has he left you?" asked the sympathetic friend.

"No, he has taken to wearing rubber soles!"—Good Hardware.

NOT TO BE CAUGHT TWICE

The clergyman absorbed in thinking out a sermon, rounded a turn in the path and bumped into a cow. He swept off his hat with a flourish, exclaiming: "I beg your pardon madam."

Then he observed his error and was annoyed. Soon, however, again engaged with thoughts of the sermon, he collided with a woman at another bend of the path.

"Get out of the way, you brute," he said.

NOTICE

H. B. A. Badges are now for sale. Quite a few of the presidents have put their orders in. All lodges desiring badges will notify the General Secretary.

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Prof. J. E. Clarke, Principal of Covington County Training School, Mt. Olive, Miss., had a very successful commencement. The annual address was delivered by Rev. R. L. Young on May 7. Prof. Clarke has spent four very successful years at Mt. Olive. Having two or three positions open to him, he has offered his resignation. Rev. R. L. Young has been offered the principalship at Mt. Olive. It is thought that he will not accept because he has his hands full. The principal has a nice home on the campus and is paid $100 per month.

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After July 15 the subscription rates of The Echo will be $1.00 per year, 65c six months, and 40c for three months. If you will notice our material you will find that we use the best grade of paper. It is not newspaper material, but book paper that we use. The cost of material is so high that we are compelled to advance in subscription rates.

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The baccalaureate sermon on May 4 at the Baptist Seminary by Dr. J. T. Hill of Hot Springs, Ark., was one of the best that I have ever listened to. Dr. Hill is one of the strongest and best prepared men of the Baptist Church. I think I would not say too much if I were to say he is one of the races strongest men.

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Mrs. C. L. Pringle of Carmichael, Miss., was in the city last week to see Rev. E. F. Young on business. While here she visited several friends and accompanied Mrs. E. F. Young to Pleasant Grove C. M. E. Church for the monthly H. B. A. meeting.

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Dear Editor: Please forward me by return mail 20 finance cards. My members are delighted to see such come out. We feel that we should have had them long ago.

REV. M. PAGE.

Route 3, Box 3, Porterville, Miss.

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Prof. A. Buckley, a delegate to the Republican Convention, will soon be off for the trip. We hope for him an enjoyable trip.

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Rev. R. L. Young has on his spring revival at Mt. Olive, Miss. The members of both churches are planning to assist their pastor in an effort to go to Chicago this summer. Rev. Young plans to take a summer course at Northwestern University.

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Dear Editor: I am herewith enclosing my order for 35 finance cards. Please let me have the same by return mail. They are acceptable with the entire lodge, and speaking for it allow me to say that I appreciate all you do for good to No. 120. Yours in the H. B. A.,

B. J. WILLIAMS.

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We read in "The Voice of the Temple," published by Dr. I. H. Jones and his members, of his success in church work at Shreveport, La. Dr. Jones was formerly pastor of Trinity C. M. E. Church, Augusta, Ga. Big things have always been and will continue to be expected of him.

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Just a few more badges and finance cards on hand. If you wish to get some of this order you had better rush.

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H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE AND BOARD MEETING

H. B. A. Board of No. 1 will meet June 17, 1924, at Galilee Lodge No. 24, Topton, Miss., W. M. Whitehead local president. Presidents of No. 1 will please collect $1.25 per member for the following: Lila Hogans, No. 15; J. C. Barlow, No. 35; Lula Ephram, No. 3; Lula Knox, No. 3; Anine Hall, No. 100; Robert Carter, No. 15; Silas Roberson, No. 53; Josh Laury, No. 47; Rachel Smith, No. 72.

The death of Silas Roberson from No. 53, may not be paid off. I think we shall have to substitute another name for Silas Roberson. It appears as if this is an illegal claim, therefore the name of Silas Roberson is only tentative.

H. B. A. Board of No. 2 meets June 18, at Pilgrim M. E. Church, six miles out the Eighth Street good road, Meridian, Miss., with Lodge No. 139, Prof. A. T. Shadwick, local president. Presidents of No. 2 will collect $1.25 for the following: Tom Armstrong, No. 111; Maggie Whitehead, No. 111; Kizzie Ivens, No. 139; Lizzie Sims, No. 33; Will Brooks, No. 33; Marinda Jones, No. 41; Callie Ann Sharp, No. 36; Dina Calhoun, No. 29; Dan Dew, No. 46.

H. B. A. Board of No. 3 meets June 16, at Enterprise, Miss., with Lodge No. 74, R. D. Dunlap, local president. I stated in the last issue of The Echo that No. 3 would meet at Stonewall. It was an error on my part. Presidents of No. 3 will please collect eighty-five cents for the following: R. Leonard, No. 63; Inez Craig, No. 103; Mary Hall, No. 119; Isiah Nelson, No. 130.

Dues are included in all the amounts to be collected. I wish to state that since we are going to be compelled to pay off each day, presidents are asked to be at the Boards by 9 a. m. The days are long and we can have in all reports by 12 o'clock. Have your members to understand that if they fail to get their money in before you make your report they will have to renew. Your members should pay their claims at the Lodge, but most of them will wait until the last minute and then run the presidents down to get their claims in. We are usually in Meridian an extra day. We are supposed to be paying off, but we spend two-thirds of the time taking in reports. Each president is asked to have his report at the Board on time, and if your members have not paid, just leave them off. As long as the presidents allow the members to lag and do just as they please they will give you trouble. The members meet the presidents any and everywhere at any time. Some pay all and others pay a part. How in the world can a man make a respectable report at such doing. That is one reason why so much money has been misappropriated by some of the local presidents for the last six months. I do not mean to say that presidents should misappropriate money because they are paid anywhere, but some of them are doing it.

It is the duty of each local president to read his report and receipts of the Board to his Lodge in his first meeting after the Board. The members should know just how the Lodge stands.

I think it would be a capital idea if the next Convention should pass a law that each Lodge have its report published in The Echo. It should also state the number of members in good standing and the number dropped in each Board. This will save money for the Association. I know whereof I speak. As long as our business is allowed to run slack it will be a poor business. It may not be true that there is something wrong in a president not wanting his report published, but it certainly makes me feel funny.

One other thing I believe will be advisable for the presidents to be thinking of for the next Convention is the number of small lodges that we have. I strongly believe that where we have four and five lodges meeting in almost the same church with only five to ten members strong they should be forced to unite with other lodges. What is the need of two or three lodges meeting at the same place with two or three local presidents, and if all of them were put together the membership would not exceed twenty-five. I have in mind now three lodges, three local presidents in the country within hollowing distance of each other. All three of these presidents reported a total of $3.12 quarterly dues at the last Board. If this amount is divided by twelve you will find that these three men have twenty-six members; now common sense will teach anybody that that's too much expense on twenty-six members, to send three men to the Board every three months. One of the presidents that I have in mind was at the last Board asking for help for his home Lodge. I shall not say which one, but one of these men should have all of these members, and then he will not have many—just twenty-six. If a man cannot make his Lodge prosper and grow he does not need it. I know that there are some hard places and there are exceptions to the rule, but I positively believe that any Lodge that has less than fifteen or twenty members right in calling distance of each other they should be wiped out. If they cannot live in these lodges in peace and harmony with each other they have no business in the H. B. A. How in the world can we exepect to live with God when we cannot live with our fellow man in peace?

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Mr. J. H. Jackson of Mt. Olive, Miss., knows his business as a teacher of Sunday School. In fact, wherever he is found he is on the job. Rev. T. Sanders, Sr., held Rev. R. L. Young's second quarter on the third Sunday in May. He was at Goodwater on Friday night. McLeod, King, Barber, Buchanan and others saw to it that every dime was raised. The elder was paid off on Saturday. The people of Mt. Olive enjoyed the quarter very much. Miss Margaret Craft was elected president of the Epworth League, and Miss Hattie McNair was elected secretary. Miss Craft was also quarterly conference secretary. Mrs. Irene Powell was elected president of the Woman's Missionary Department; Mrs. L. T. Durr, vice-president; Miss M. A. Craft, secretary; Mrs. Dora Smith, treasurer, and Mrs. Selia Paine, treasurer of the Epworth League. Brothers Watson and Wesley McNair, together with some other members, are doing all they can for their pastor. They have a nice room provided for him with Mrs. Charlotte Griffith. Nothing but big things are expected of Mt. Olive and Goodwater this year.

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The old man Preacher Young and the young Preacher Young are still "hitting" at each other on the sly. It is just about "tit for tat, you kill my dog, I'll kill your cat." About the time young Young thinks he has killed the old man's dog, the old Young is found on young Young's cat just choaking him to death. Young Young had old Young once and let him get loose. Next time he gets the old fellow down he is going to scald him with hot water. If he does not kill him, hot water will surely get hair and hide.

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Rev. W. M. Anderson, pastor of Mt. Pleasant and Collins, ran a three days' meeting at Mt. Olive for Rev. R. L. Young. The church was spiritually and financially revived.

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The second Sunday in this month is the big day at Magee, Miss., Goodwater C. M. E. Church. McLeod, Buchanan, Barber, Jones, Hayes, King, Tims, etc., are going to make things hum for Rev. R. L. Young. They had better watch the pastor, he may beat them raising money.

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Prof. T. A. Easterling of Mt. Olive, Miss., was instantly killed by a freight train at Lumberton, Miss., a few days ago. Prof. Easterling was principal of the Lamar County Training School at Lumberton. He was one of our best and strongest young men. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

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Rev. T. Hutchins, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Wechsler public school on May 24. It is said that it was the best ever delivered at Wechsler. Rev. Hutchins is considered to be the leading pastor of the city.

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Rev. W. M. Watkins, pastor of the Good Hope circuit, is expecting big things on the fourth Sunday in this month. He and his people have on a $200 rally. The Youngs, Martins, Brewsters, Jones, etc., are going to put things over. The people of Good Hope, led by W. M. Patton, R. W. Radcliff, Johnson, Anderson, etc., are planning for a big drive on the second Sunday. Rev. R. L. Young thinks Magee will beat.

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Rev. D. L. Dew, one of Meridian's leading young Baptist ministers, fell dead a few days ago at Brooksville, Miss., in the cemetery. Rev. Dew was a member of the H. B. A. and the Masons. It is very painful to lose our young men, but God wants a beautiful white flower sometimes, therefore, he chooses the one He likes best. Our sympathy goes out for the bereaved family.

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LOOK! LOOK! AGAIN!

Don't forget the gold watch and chain that is to be given away at the next Board in The Echo contest. I have purchased the watch already. All who have seen it think it is a bird. Just think about it—you are to come into possession of a $20.00 watch absolutely free. Come early if you want to enter the contest. Only one hundred persons allowed to enter.

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H. B. A. Death Notice and Board Meeting

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Another thing I have noticed is this: Nine-tenths of these presidents in the doors of each other raise more sand than anybody else. Not all of them, but the most of them. Some one may ask why they do this; why they travel the country over giving unwholesome advice. Well, they have their families in the Lodge with two or three other persons and they have nothing to do. What think ye of a president whose Lodge is composed of his own family and just two or three others? Do you mean to tell me that his influence is so weak that other folks will not follow him? It must be the truth. Again I say, and strongly believe, that these lodges shoudl be forced to unite or not be allowed to exist. I trust and believe that the thinking men of the coming Convention are going to help wipe so many of these little lodges out, for they are a burden and a menace to our folks. We sometimes have two or three persons in a Lodge who want to be presidents, and they will start a fuss and then split the Lodge. They will get an agent to set up with about four or five new members, and four or five will pull out of another Lodge. They will claim they are just coming over to help the new Lodge. It is an untruth, they are just coming over so they can be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. I believe there should be a law against "splits" in these local lodges anyway. Do you know that "splits" are so common in some of our organizations that we have some "pussyfoots," "parasites," "jellyfishes," and the like who go around advocating a "split" in this organization. I mean some are local presidents and some are general officers. What is the trouble? They want a higher office, but the people don't want them.

I believe again that the law should provide that no Lodge should be organized with less than twenty-five members. As the law now stands it permits too many sorry men to become presidents. If a man cannot grow corn and cotton and hasn't grown any, how in the world can he teach me? My friends, the same thing is true with these local lodges; if a man can not grow his own Lodge; if a man can not so conduct himself in his own Lodge that it prospers and grows, what in the world will his advice mean to us as a body?

I know that some of you will not agree with me, but I am telling you the truth, my friends. I know of a number of little churches—Methodist and Baptist—that are actually too weak to support a preacher, but by the help of visitors and friends they do fairly well, but societies are not like that; they can not call on visitors; they must paddle their own canoe. Friends, if you would only ask the doctors about these weak men they could give you a pitiful story. I may become very unpopular among the presidents because I speak out against these things, but why should I try to gain popularity at the expense of your life? Why should the doctor prescribe Castoria for his patient when he needs quinine and castor oil. The patient may say it's bitter and doesn't taste good, but if that is what he needs, write a prescription for that. Should the doctor give the patient what he wants in order to be loved by his patient, and at the same time know that he is dying for pure medicine? My answer is NO. Give him what he needs if you become unpopular. When this is done you feel free and you have a clear conscience that you have done your duty.

I close by saying with emphasis, at the next Convention let's see to it that the people are not burdened with so many lodges that can barely exist. Let's find out why Jim, Tom, Mose, Dick, etc., can not have prosperous lodges. It is a disgrace and a reflection upon our organization to have so many little "upstarts" acting as presidents.

R. L. YOUNG,
Secretary.

Watch the "X" on your paper and govern yourself accordingly.

DISCOVERS ANCIENT CITY UNDER JERUSALEM'S WALL

A further discovery carrying the history of Jerusalem five hundred years further than hitherto known, is reported by Prof. Stewart McAlister, who recently traced the ancient city of David. This latest find in the excavation of the city shows a great trench sunk in rock older than the Jebusite well previously found, and apparently formed a part of the city's defenses in the early period.

On the surface of the trench, which is eight feet deep and eleven feet wide, there is a series of broken steps, now cleared for the first time of the silt and rubbish which cumbered them from before the time of Abraham.

What he unearthed within "the earliest wall" has convinced Professor McAlister that he has penetrated into the city of Metchizedek.

—Western Index.

A FIND

A great commercial magnate was driven into a small candy store during a storm and spent half an hour watching the ancient proprietor attend upon the vagaries of a child who was thinking of spending a cent.

The infinite patience of the old man impressed him. Finally the cent was spent and the youngster went.

"Pop, you're wasting time here," said the magnate. "Come with me and I'll make you head floorwalker of my department store."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

There seems to be a little trouble about to leak out because of the failure of certain presidents to turn to the proper persons all death claims that is turned to them at the Boards. Whenever I give money to the presidents or anybody else I get his signature for same. If I do not give the cash with a signature I write checks and they are receipts within themselves.

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Some of our people die too soon. We forget the laws of health. If you want to live long, you should bathe regularly, keep your teeth clean, take plenty of exercise and get your proper rest, together with a regulated diet. Don't sleep in an air tight room. You need pure air continuously through your room both winter and summer.

HE WILL TEAR IT UP

John—"I want to go to heaven when I die."

Will—"What about going to hell?"

John—"Nope, I don't want to go there."

Will—"Why? Do you think everybody goes to hell?"

John—"Nope."

Will—"Are Negroes in hell?"

John—"Yes, a few."

Will—"Preachers, deacons and members?"

John—"Yes, a few Negro preachers, deacons, members, etc."

Will—"It will not be hell long."

John—"Why?"

Will—"'Cause dem fools gwins to tair it up."

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Women write their own price tags and they make the error of their lives. Men are very thoughtful but they forget.

—By L. C. Stennis.

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Some people eat too much and others don't eat enough. Too much when visiting and not enough at home.

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R. L. YOUNG.

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NOTICE

H. B. A. Badges are now for sale. Quite a few of the presidents have put their orders in. All lodges desiring badges will notify the General Secretary.

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THE JUNE BOARD A SUCCESS

The H. B. A. Board of No. 3 met June 16, at Enterprise, Miss., with Lodge No. 74, Mr. R. D. Dunlap, local president. It is a foregone conclusion that this was a successful Board. Mr. Dunlap and the good people of Enterprise made it pleasant for us. Rev. A. B. Britton, pastor of Enterprise M. E. Church, where the meeting was held, peeped in on us and made a wonderful impression upon the body. The welcome address by Mr. D. Dunlap was greatly enjoyed. The response was given by the General Secretary. The next Board of No. 3 goes to Prentiss, Miss. Dr. W. J. Tate, local president.

On June 17, we were at the old historic spot, Galilee No. 24, Topton, Miss. Mr. W. M. Whitehead and his good members showed the old H. B. A. spirit. The Board was well cared for. The welcome address was excellent and was responded to by Mr. M. V. B. Pitts. All persons who attended this meeting say it was good. The next Board goes to Meridian No. 69, Mr. I. English, President.

On June 18, we were at No. 139, Prof. A. T. Shadwick, local president. This being our last day, and we had planned to pay off at each Board, and that we did, we had to get down to business. Prof. Shadwick and his people made it very pleasant for us. We were proud to have had the opportunity to visit their Lodge. Prof. Shadwick is a young man in the H. B. A., but he is one whom I think is worth while. He is a man who is willing to stand for right. We are greatly in need of such men as Shadwick.

This is the first time that we have met and paid off in each district for two or three years. I think I shall be compelled to give myself credit for it, not boasting whatever, but telling the truth. Most of you know we have been meeting in Meridian to pay off. We have had to pay hall rent, buy coal or ice, pay two and three committees, lose time and the like. If we count time as being worth anything to us, I am not exaggerating when I say we saved more than $100 at the last Board. Some one may ask how was this done. Those of you who visited the Board know that I had a chart or financial guide worked out for each Lodge. All I wanted to know was how many members you had and I could tell you without figuring how much dues and death claims you were due. This method I must say saved us more than a hundred dollars. Who is the author of that method? I, the General Secretary, am the author. Well, says one, he is praising himself. Well, say I, if I deserve it let me praise myself.

Mr. Henry, the State examiner, has been to see us since the Board. He says he found everything O. K. No complaint to make whatever, only we are running on too small a basis. He has advised that quarterly dues be raised to at least fifteen or twenty cents. Of course we do not have to do that unless we desire, but he sees the need of the Association as well as those of us who are at the head, and he knows something must be done if we expect to operate on a sound basis. He has been advocating a raise in dues for about five years, and I think something will have to be done.

Mr. Henry states that he will be at the Convention at Wiggins, Miss. I am proud to know that he is going to take enough of his time to pay us a visit. It is quite an honor to have him with us, and each Lodge needs to see to it that your president is present. I heard the General President say that each Lodge is requested to send its president to the Convention. Only two excuses will be accepted: You must be sick in the bed, under the doctor, or in jail under lock and key. If any Lodge is so weak that it can not send one man right down here at Wiggins, well, I will not say. I understand that if you don't have the money you will just have to put your hands in your "jeens" and get it.

I also understand that there will be cars going from Meridian to Wiggins for $7.50 round trip. I think railroad fare is about $11.00. Those who plan to go in cars are asked to write the General President, 1503 Twenty-sixth Avenue, Meridian, Miss. I suppose cars will leave Meridian some time Sunday, June 27, in order to be at the Convention, Monday, June 28 at 10 o'clock. Those who go on the train will also have to leave Sunday if you are to be on time. The train from Hattiesburg to Wiggins will not put you in Wiggins before about 12 o'clock Monday, and we want to open on time.

We are going to the Convention for business. Time is too precious to throw away, and we do trust that all delegates will bear that in mind. No Lodge is to send but one delegate. I shall send to each president a Convention report blank, and please govern yourselves accordingly. You will find below a financial report of each Lodge that paid 25 cents for publica-

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The readers of The Echo have not had a paper since the Board. I, as editor, had so much to do in such a short while that I could not publish an issue for June 15. This issue for July 1 is also late, and yet we are doing the best we can under present circumstances. Just bear with us and everything will be all right. My wife is taking care of the work as best she can until I return.

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EDITORIAL

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Dear Readers and Friends: It is with pleasure that I write my editorial for The Echo in the State of Illinois. My heart and thoughts go out for my people at home, and though it was just yesterday, so to speak, we were together, it seems like months.

I am hard at work night and day trying to do my work well. Garrett, which is about 25 miles from the heart of Chicago, is an ideal place. This is a place where people from the four corners of the earth come to learn more of God and mankind. All races and nationalities, men and women, sit here in classes together and receive the same instructions. When I look around in my classes of 50 and 75 in number and see from three to six Negroes, the question comes to me, "What is the Negro doing?" The opportunity is at our door. In Garrett a man is a man, not for color or creed, but for what he can do. So is the world today. It is now calling for men, not color, but men. If you will only prepare yourself the world will use you; it knows no color.

I wish to thank the many friends who helped me to make this trip. I assure you I shall do my best. Not only do I thank those who helped me, but those who did not help me. May God's choicest blessings rest upon you. May He watch over my family and flock until my return.

A few days ago I was reading an article in which the writer was giving advice to young people as to how to succeed. He gave several examples of "big" men and women doing great things and living in luxury. Said he, "This is success, and you must strive to be like them."

I do not like to talk too much about success, for we read and hear too much about it without stopping to consider the different classes of success and their relation. Again we have too many examples given without any sound advice as to how to obtain that envied success. Therefore, for the benefit of many who have wondered and are wondering why some "get along" in this world and others fail, I am going to attempt to write briefly on what seems to me to be the greatest cause.

One writer has said, "Why should we call ourselves men unless it be to succeed in everything, everywhere?" That is to be able to adapt ourselves to almost any situation and do the thing that needs to be done. First, to accomplish anything worth while we must believe in our own greatness and possibilities. The trouble with most people, young men and women especially, is that we place such low value on ourselves. We look upon every successful man or woman as being something, and ourselves as insignificant beings. If you think this statement is not true, talk if you please, with ex-school boys and girls, young men and women, and you will find the majority of them entered school with made-up minds as to what they would do as a life work, but many of whom have changed from the thing they have set their hearts upon doing because of the advice of some friend or friends who pointed out to them their weak points as barriers to that much-desired achievement. But you should look upon any individual who would shake your faith in yourself, as an enemy, for the minute you lose confidence your power to "get along" is gone. Your achievement will never rise higher than the confidence you have in yourself. The fact that one is inclined to do certain things ought to be evidence enough that he or she has the ability. Don't you know God would not suffer noble thoughts to enter you rmind without giving you the ability to achieve that nobility any more than He would give the fowls of the air an instinct to fly south during winter without giving them a sunny south to fly to?

I believe the greatest step towards what is commonly termed as success is "faith in one's self." Friends, do you know that the miracles of civilization have been performed by men and women of great self confidence. Our race would have been centuries behind what it is today had it not been for their grit, determination and persistence in finding and making real the things they believed in, and which the world denounced as impossible. There is no law by which an individual can achieve success in anything without expecting it, demanding it, assuming it. It does not matter how splendid your education may be nor how great your ability, your achievement will never rise higher than your confidence. The only fellow who does anything is the one who THINKS he can.

A number fail because they fear what others may think of their plans or aims. What difference does it make if you are called a visionary, a crank or a dreamer so long as you have confidence in yourself? Never allow anybody or any misfortune to shake your belief in self. If you have been lucky enough to inherit or own property, you may lose that; you may lose your health, reputation, other people's confidence even, but there is always hope as long as you keep a firm faith in yourself. If you never lose that and keep pushing, sooner or later the world will make a way for you. I have heard any number of people say, "I wish I could do and have things as this or that person, but

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Lord, it's too high for me." I have never heard that expression but what I did not think of the soldier that once took a message to Napoleon in such great haste that the horse he rode dropped dead before he delivered the paper. Napoleon dictated the answer, and handing it to the messenger, ordered him to mount his horse and deliver the message with all possible speed. The messenger looked at the animal with his superb trappings, and said, "Nay, General, but this is too gorgeous, too magnificent for a French soldier." Napoleon said, "Nothing is too magnificent for a French soldier." Do not allow your mental attitude of self-depreciation to weaken you. It is true that various positions in life make conditions more favorable for some than others, but then that individual has only studied more than you have, and that's all.

I hope I will not be judged as being egotistic for what I have tried to say. Self-confidence is not egotism. It is a knowledge which comes from the consciousness of possessing the ability requisite for whatever you undertake to do. Civilization rests upon self-confidence. If we choose to be clods of clay, then we shall be used as clods of clay for braver feet to tread on.

MRS. R. L. YOUNG.

H. B. A. No. 19 has been the leading Lodge of the Association for a number of years. No Lodge for the past seven or eight years has ranked with No. 19 in finance and membership. In the last Board she had to give away to No. 57 at Bassfield, Mississippi. W. C. McLeod is president of No. 57, while H. Edwards is president of No. 19. There has been a close run between these two lodges for some time. No. 19 has always managed to stay on top. Neither Lodge is in the lead now—they stand together with the same number of members. Each lodge reported at the last Board one hundred and fifty-six members. Total three hundred and twelve.

BIG RALLY

The biggest rally possibly that has ever been pulled off was at Goodwater C. M. E. Church by Rev. R. L. Young. This rally was put on just three weeks ahead of the time for pulling it off. The good people, both Baptist and Methodist, stood by the pastor in this great effort. They had planned to raise at least $150, but oh, my, what do you suppose they did? Just wait.

Mr. W. B. Buchanan raised $25.00, the pastor raised $57.00. Now we come to that little weasley, slowful, unconcerned, dry, L. D. McLeod, better known as "Leffie" McLeod, who had taken the country. He had cleaned up things; he had done what the preacher could not do; in fact he had done what nobody else could do among both white and colored. The pastor thought he could raise money, but he isn't in it with McLeod. McLeod raised money from everybody. Well, he is a man of wealth, and the people will do whatever he asks of them. No reflection, however, upon the pastor and Buchanan, but they just were not in it. They did well and need to be congratulated, but they were not in it. When all reports were in McLeod reported over $222.00. Who else could have done that? I don't know, do you?

Over $300.00 was raised in three weeks. If you want things to move at Goodwater, get "Leffie" stirred up and he can not be beaten. In the next issue there will be a list of names of some of the good faithful workers who helped to make this rally a success. Goodwater and Mt. Olive are doing things this year that have never been done before, and the people should be congratulated for their work.

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BIG FISHING TRIP

The General President, Secretary, Rev. E. B. Blackman, presiding elder of the Meridian District; Mrs. Lizzie Love and sister, Leatha Parker, went to Porterville, Miss., a few weeks ago on a fishing trip. They went to the home of Mr. F. L. Key, President of H. B. A. No. 96. They had a grand time. Mr. and Mrs. Key made it very pleasant for them. Dinner was spread on the bank of the creek and the family, together with the visitors, ate together. Quite a number of small fish were caught, and the trip was said to have been the most enjoyable ever taken. They also gathered plums and blackberries while out. Mr. and Mrs. Key spared no pains in making it pleasant for their guests, and they shall always entertain pleasant thoughts of Porterville. Mr. and Mrs. Key are doing well. They have a nice crop, plenty of stock and cattle on their premises.

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tion. If I have omitted any Lodge, if the President will notify me I shall be glad to correct the error. If you did not pay 25 cents for publication then you have no right to notify me.

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No.	Dues.	Death Claims.	Back Claims.
1	$ 6.08	$ 56.50	$
2	6.96	66.67	1.25
3	4.32	41.81	
4	7.30	68.93	
5	1.68	16.95	
6	1.56	15.82	1.25
7	.84	9.04	
8	2.28	22.60	
13	3.48	33.90	
15	7.92	70.06	
17	3.84	37.29	5.00
18	1.92	19.21	
20	5.74	54.24	
21	5.52	52.41	
22	4.32	41.81	
28	7.78	73.45	
31	3.60	40.68	
35	3.48	33.90	
40	5.28	50.85	
47	5.04	48.59	
60	3.36	32.27	
69	6.36	61.02	
72	6.60	63.28	
78	4.44	42.94	
86	.96	10.17	
93	5.40	51.98	
104	.48	5.65	
136	2.40	27.73	
161	4.68	45.20	
162	.144	14.69	

DISTRICT No. 2

11	2.16	21.47	
16	5.28	50.85	
19	18.72	176.28	
27	3.70	35.03	
30	5.76	55.37	1.25
33	8.52	81.36	1.25
36	4.32	41.81	
41	3.84	37.29	
42	3.84	37.29	
46	4.92	47.46	
50	3.00	29.38	
54	.96	10.17	
64	8.76	83.62	
70	3.60	35.03	
73	1.80	18.08	1.25
84	3.48	33.90	
85	3.48	33.90	
89	4.68	42.94	
96	3.84	37.29	
98	3.12	30.51	
100	2.16	21.47	
110	5.40	51.98	
68	5.60	55.37	2.50
111	2.04	20.34	
113	2.04	20.34	
117	1.68	16.95	
122	2.38	22.60	1.25
129	2.74	25.99	
134	.96	10.17	
135	.84	9.04	
139	2.16	21.47	
147	2.67	27.12	
150	3.28	28.25	1.25
157	.48	5.65	
101	3.36	21.47	

DISTRICT No. 3

23	11.40	70.33	1.25
57	18.72	114.61	2.80
58	3.00	18.98	
63	2.16	13.87	
74	1.56	10.22	2.80
76	3.48	21.90	14.60
75	.72	5.11	1.40
77	1.44	9.49	
82	6.72	41.61	9.80
92	5.64	35.04	
95	6.96	43.07	
103	2.52	16.06	
105	2.52	16.06	
108	3.54	20.44	
109	2.28	14.60	
118	1.66	10.22	
119	10.00	51.83	
127	3.46	21.17	
130	2.28	14.60	
131	.60	4.38	
141	2.76	17.52	
145	1.08	7.30	1.40
146	2.88	18.25	
148	1.68	10.22	
151	1.68	10.95	
152	1.44	9.49	
153	2.76	17.52	
158	1.32	8.76	
159	1.80	11.68	
160	11.26	43.07	
166	2.98	18.25	
167	2.28	14.60	

District No. 3 paid to each representative $221.18; No.'s 2 and 3 paid $190.53. No. 3 had only four deaths while No.'s 1 and 2 had 18. Dues raised for June Board, $525.97, back death claims, $110.00. Death claims (present) $3,429.59. Grand total raised, $4,073.80.

Allow me to congratulate all presidents and members for such splendid reports in the month of June. The Association is in better condition now than it has ever been in its history. It has a larger membership than ever before. The state examiner will also verify these facts.

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ON TO WIGGINS

Don't forget the H. B. A. Convention to be held at Wiggins, Miss., July 28-29. All delegates are urged to be on time. We are expecting each lodge to send its best. It may be that some of the best is not what you would like for it to be, if not, polish it up and tell it to go to the Convention and act nice two days. The Convention is to be held in a new field where we are hardly known. We should go there with our best selves. I know it is hard for some of us to keep cool, sometimes we want to fight in the Boards and Conventions, but listen, friends, cats, chickens, mules, hogs, and puppies fight—men reason together. Oh, I know we differ sometimes, that is natural, but why lose your temper? Why get angry with your brother and cause people to beg, persuade and hold you to keep you from fighting? I heard of a man who was about to be elected to a high position but missed it because of his temper. The people said he was a good man, well qualified for the position, but when he got angry he would fight. If our leaders are going to fight and raise "sand" what do you expect of those who are to follow. If we will only keep our hearts right with God we will be able to stand these temptations.

I was in a Board meeting not long since and saw one of our leaders lose his head in the Church of God. I have thought very seriously over this matter, and it strikes me very keenly. I fear that some of us don't have enough God in us when we leave our homes. We forget about heavenly things and cast our affections upon worldly affairs. May God visit us at the coming Convention in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and may we so act and so behave ourselves that Wiggins will be proud that we were her guests.

May I ask each president to please fill out the Convention report blanks that I have sent you, according to instructions. Please don't throw your blanks away and then come to the Convention for one, if you do I know you can not make out a report as you should.

Please do not come to the Convention with any building fund whatever. No reports are to be made at the Convention on the building. Blanks have been sent to each local lodge since last November. Each lodge—I mean all old lodges, has had three report blanks for the building and if you failed to respond you are to blame. Please let each lodge understand then that no building reports received at the Convention. The only thing that will put you right is your report before hand.

We are also expecting all agents to meet at the Convention. It appears as if the General President has a good set of agents, and I think they should be commended for the splendid work that they have done since the last Convention. The agents are as follows: Dr. W. J. Tate, Prentiss, Miss.; Rev. C. L. Pringle, Carmichael, Miss.; Rev. D. H. Watson, Meridian, Miss.; Prof, A. Buckley, Enterprise, Miss.; Miss B. Brown, Meridian, Miss.; Esau Sledge, Macon, Miss.; Van Clayton, Lauderdale, Miss. There may be others that I have failed to encouch in this list, but these I have named are hard and faithful working men and women. They are always looking out for the benefit of the Association. With such men as agents we are bound to succeed. Of course, all the glory and honor can not be given to the agents, for we have some local presidents who are true, honest and upright. When they speak it is worth while to take note of what they say. Peace and harmony seems to exist in their lodges. They work in harmony with the administration; their people will follow them. In fact they are men who are willing to defend the cause of the H. B. A. I mean women as well as men. Oh, give us such men as I. M. Martin, J. F. Chapel, J. J. Johnson, G. R. Roberts, H. Griggs, E. M. Huff, A. T. Shadwick, H. Edwards, M. S. Knott, F. Ott, M. V. B. Pitts, A. Love, S. B. Bell, J. H. Tubbs, Mrs. Hattie Smith, Jasper Walker, L. R. Echols, H. B. Black, W. C. McLeod, J. W. Smith, I. English, and scores of others that I could mention. With these men and others like them we can and will succeed. I know men whose names were you to see included in this list you would at once groan and say, No! No! that brother is a fighter all the time—his record is bad. Well, by your fruits you are known.

ROUND-HOUSE

The minister and his wife were on their first pastoral call of the season. The home happened to be that of a woman who was seldom seen at church.

The minister's wife, desirous of creating a good impression, opened a conversation by asking: "You get your children up to Sunday School in time, don't you?"

"Land sakes, woman," was the reply, I'se got thirteen chilluns, and by the time I'se got de last un ready de fust un's comin' agin."

Mrs. R. L. Young again wishes to thank those who so generously responded to her appeal of a few weeks ago in which she asked the support of various friends in helping her go over the top with $50.00 in an effort to raise $200.00 at Pleasant Grove C. M. E. Church on the fourth Sunday. She did not quite reach the "goal," but she and her co-worker, Mrs. E. F. Young, gave the others a very close run.

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EDITORIAL

Since being in Illinois I have been a constant visitor of the churches of the north. I find that the ministers are doing real constructive work. All the churches are being made larger. A large number of our people are still leaving the South, and they are flocking to our churches. On the second Sunday I worshiped with Dr. Smith, who is pastor of our biggest church in Chicago. Dr. Winters was the pastor of St. Paul, and he quit the church because the Bishop moved him. I understand that he took about a thousand of the members with him, leaving only about five hundred. The members tell me that he tore up the church.

We are glad to see the church getting back to herself. Dr. Smith had a packed house on the second Sunday. Within two years he has gone from five hundred members to two thousand five hundred. On the second Sunday he opened the doors for the reception of members after he had preached a strong sermon and took in eight. St. Paul is our largest C. M. E. church in Chicago, especially in membership. I believe that we will have three thousand members in a short while. I have been asked to preach on the second Sunday night. Dr. J. A. Bray will preach at eleven o'clock.

Dr. J. A. Stout at Carter's Temple is doing well. Three years ago they bought Carter's Temple from the white people for $21,000. They have paid it down to $9,000. They have on a rally for the $9,000 next week. I am to visit Park Avenue on the third Sunday. Dr. Crane, formerly of Mississippi, is pastor of Park Avenue.

The little giant, Bishop R. A. Carter, seems to have things lined up in the north. All the ministers in this section are doing well. In a few days we shall be leaving Illinois for "sweet old Mississippi." Things are sweet here, but you know home is always sweeter. Of course, if I had moved here and had my belongings here then I could call this sweet home. It is mighty tempting.

I can not close without complimenting Mrs. Young for her splendid article written for the last issue. I think she must be after my job. I guess she thinks she has it already.

Dear Editor: Will you please publish the following names in The Echo? Some of the people were so modest that they asked me not to publish their names, therefore I am sending you a few names of those persons who stood by me so faithfully in our three weeks' rally and helped me to raise almost three times as much money as all the rest, pastor thrown in. I wish to express my many thanks to both white and colored for the splendid way in which they stood by me: Mrs. Mary McLain, $10.00; Mrs. Sleatie Sullivan, $10.00; Mrs. Beckie Hughes, $6.30; David Hayes, $5.00; E. L. Thames, $6.86; Miss Doshia McNair, $2.40; Mrs. Florence McNair, $5.30; Rev. B. J. Jones, $4.65; Mrs. Sallie Floyd, $1.20; Mrs. Edna Thames, $2.40; Vater Mager, $1.20; H. B. A. Lodge No. 52, $10.00; Pat Barber, $5.00; Mrs. Easter Barber, $2.00; Duke Magee, $5.00; J. D. Rankins, $4.00; D. L. Funches, $1.00; Mitchell Hayes, $2.00.

I raised from the white people of Magee, $87.49, from the colored, $75; total amount raised from colored, $162.49. Grand total raised by me in and out of town, $221.30.

L. D. McLEOD,
P. O. Box 45, Magee, Miss.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in The Echo to say a few words in regard to our advancement. First, we are glad to say that after one-half of our membership has been on the sick list, all are well except three, namely: Bro. J. H. Wright, Vice-President; Sister M. E. Williams, Board Member, and Rev. J. A. Tate, ex-Chaplain. Second, we are very grateful to say we, No. 120, have on our financial roll one white gentleman in the person of Mr. P. M. C. Derden, one of our foremen. He is so deeply impressed that he asked us to allow him to pay twenty-five cents monthly to help us. Certainly we appreciate it, and if you many H. B. A. workers are not awake, please get up and see the "sun rise" again. Any lodge or member of this order is welcome to our meetings every second Friday night in each month.

This Lodge, Sunrise No. 120, highly commends our General President and Secretary for their loyalty and sound leadership, thereby fitting us all as lively stones for that spiritual building not made with hands.

Yours for a good cause,
B. J. WILLIAMS,
President Lodge No. 120,
Lumberton, Miss.

THE SON OF A SOLDIER

Little Dan's father is an American Legion man, and Danny is loyal to America through and through. So when he went to Aunt Jane's he frowned when she boasted of her persian cat and her angora cat, and told how they had won prizes at different fairs.

"Well, auntie," he finally voiced his feelings on the subject, "Our cat never won no prizes and he's just an alley cat, but he's not a foreign animal like yours, but an American cat."

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PAY YOUR DEBTS

If you want a good name, pay your honest debts. I hear a large number of people complaining about people who owe them and will not pay them. I know there are times that we forget little debts, but we should think of them. Some people borrow with no intention of paying. I know a large number of people who borrow at the H. B. A. Boards, but they don't pay. Some have borrowed from..... but they haven't paid..... I know this one thing.....need it badly. Why not pay your debts? It's no harm. Pay your debts, you are going to want another ride or another borrow. When do you think you can pay.....? Just say when you can pay..... I'm not going to say who you are. Just pay.....and it's O. K.

COMMON KNOWLEDGE

She had descended in wrath upon her husband as he stood at the stage door. "What are you doing here?" she demanded." It was up to him to think quickly, and he did.

"Hello, my dear," he greeted her mildly. "I heard you were coming down town, and wishing to see you, I came here—knowing this would be the first place you would look for me."

In speaking of the rally at Goodwater C. M. E. Church, Magee, Miss., in the last issue, the following statement was made: "The biggest rally possibly that has ever been pulled off was at Goodwater." We hope the readers understood what was meant. We were speaking of Goodwater and meant that the biggest rally ever pulled off at Magee was pulled off at Goodwater.

Those who pulled for the gold watch at the Boards will have a chance to know who won at the Convention. A few more leaves are to be pulled yet, and we are hoping to have them taken off at the Convention at which time we will find out who the lucky person will be.

WEALTHY BUT WITHOUT POWER TO ENJOY LIFE

"Now that you've got me talking," said a retired business man of St. Louis, who is going to Europe, "I might as well admit that I'm not having as much fun out of being what you'd call comfortably fixed financially as I looked forward to in my hard-working days.

"I suppose a good many old fellows would admit they are in the same fix if their pride would let them. I worked too hard, not hard enough to kill me or wear me out, but too hard to form a taste for the best things that money can buy.

"The lesson my experience has taught me is that keeping your shoulder to the wheel and pushing ahead, looking neither to the right nor left, and so forth, is not a complete set of directions for making a success in life.

"The rules may get a bank account for a fellow without unusual gifts, but they overlook too many things that count.

"I can't get settled down to a book. I can't sit through a play with any deep stuff in it, and I've even neglected to learn how to make myself agreeable in company, mixed or just men. Yet I had all that stuff in me when I was a kid—used to read a lot, in fact.

"Take my advice, and if you ever get the money-making bee, don't let it get you, for unless you're a world-beater, no matter how well you make out, you won't be any too near the head of the list."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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SOME OTHER LOBSTER

The wife of a prominent surgeon was accosted by the son of their gardener.

"Mrs. P—," he said, "did you tell my pa I smoked cigarettes?"

"Why, no, John. I had no idea you smoked, and I wouldn't have told your father if I had known," she answered.

"Well, mebby you didn't tell him, but some lobster did!"—Exchange.

A COMPLAINT INTENDED

His Girl—Reginald, dear, do try and be cheerful. I know it will come out all right. Mamma, at least, is on our side.

Reginald—What makes you think so?

His Girl—Well, dear, I heard her tell papa not to judge you too much by appearances.—London Tid-Bits.

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OUR WOMEN

I shall not have space to say all I desire to say about "Our Women," but as I read in various periodicals of the work of our women everywhere, and as I look around and see how bravely they face the daily issues of life, I am forced to say that every man should stand with uncovered head in the presence of our American women. It matters not where she is found, in the parlor or kitchen, in castle or hovel, in the sick chamber or hospital, for wherever her lot is cast, be it exalted or lowly, in riches or poverty, she is ever the same positive reality.

In the entire animal kingdom we find some predominating factors. For instance, in the forest the lion is the predominating factor; for the fowel the eagle; the builders of a race or nation, the purest of all creatures, the women are the predominating factors. Some wise philosopher has said: "A beautiful and chaste woman is the most perfect workmanship of God, the true glory of angels and the rare wonder of the world." Is it not true? Have you ever stopped to think how far women have peered out into the night of discouragement and disaster; how faithfully they have worked and are working throwing out the life line along the seashore of the many temptations of today so that the sinking youth may not fill untimely graves?

As you know, vice and crime, like wondrous mountains, tower on every hand, and many of our boys and girls are being carried off in the vortex of these degredations, but who is it that remains in the "pilot house" to guide these vessels with their cargoes of human souls? The sweet memories of women caring for their wayward boys and girls, cheering the aged, brightening home life, and scattering deeds of kindness in desolate lives are all living examples that women are REAL builders. Women are great creators. They are of man, from man, and yet she has made him.

The wonderful undertakings of women as builders of this nation have not just been realized. The world has long felt its indebtedness to such women as Frances Willard, Phyllis Wheatley, Harriette Beecher Stowe, Joan of Arc, the savior of France, Clara Barton, the Red Cross mother, which organization did more for the destitute boys of all nationalities, who fell over in "No Man's Land," than any other branch or organization. Our own Mary McLeod Bethune, Hallie Q. Brown and others are striking examples today of our women who are playing a great part in lifting mankind to a higher and nobler sphere.

We hear a great deal about horse power and man power, but it remained for the era of the war to bring forward the factor of woman power, not merely the mental power, but nerve, brain and muscle power have been demonstrated. During the world war step by step our women dressed themselves as men and invaded the industries, lifting tools that men were compelled to lay down, and taking their seats before engines of manufactories which men had perforce deserted. Of course it was an incredible thing, but it happened in France, England, Italy and in the United States until today there is no need for astonishment if women are found managing, and effectively managing, any sort of invention yet contrived. Like many strong leaders of the opposite sex they, too, are willing to incur poverty, hardship, toil, ridicule, persecution, and even death, if they might shed a bit of light or comfort upon the path which all must travel from the cradle to the grave.

Oh, Mother of a mighty nation, continue with thy loving arms, and faith, to make this nation a decent place, and in order to do this there must be some leaders and builders, and if our women will only purify our boys and girls, and teach them of man's humanity to humanity, there can be nothing else but the rise of a great race.

MRS. R. L. YOUNG.

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NOTICE!

The gold watch will be given away at the Convention. Those of you who pulled for your subscription at the Boards will know who is winner at the Convention. We have a little more pulling to be done yet. We are quite sure we will finish at the Convention. Whoever gets the lucky number will get the watch.

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H. B. A. CONVENTION

On July 28-29 the various delegates who were sent to the Convention at Wiggins, Miss., were found on the ground. The Baptist Convention was just closing at the time that we arrived, the delegates had not had time to leave before we reached Wiggins It goes without saying we were royally entertained at Wiggins. Brother W. H. Langham, local president, had everything well organized and we had no trouble whatever. All of us were well pleased with our good homes; all persons who had delegates did their best to make it pleasant and enjoyable for us. We feel that we are greatly indebted to all concerned, both Methodist and Baptist, for the kind hospitality shown us. Whenever an opportunity presents itself for a trip to Wiggins we assure all concerned that we readily accept. God bless Wiggins, and may she live long to be the recipient of some of the kindness that she is now giving to others.

It appears as if every one was very well pleased with the work of the Convention. None of us got everything we wanted but we readily compromised with each other, thereby giving a part of what we had up in order to get a part of what the other fellow possessed. It was thought by some that there would be a "big fuss" at the Convention, but all who were expecting such were disappointed. I do not mean to say that there was no conflict at any time, for in any organized body with more than a hundred delegates, it should be expected that there will be a difference of opinion.

The Convention is now history and we can truthfully say its history was very good. The Convention stamped its approval of the work done at the Convention at Hattiesburg, Miss., in 1922. The trustees made their report on the building. They had purchased a two-story brick building on Fifth Street, fifty feet front and one hundred and thirty deep. The purchasing price was $7,500. The committee had taken its time in making the purchase. The property was declared to be in good condition before the purchase was made. The trustees paid $1,000 cash to start with. They had the deeds made out to the Holbrook Benevolent Association.

Mr. S. P. Henry visited the Convention and his presence meant much to us. The local lodges should prosper more so than ever before. Mr. Henry corroborated the many statements that have been made by the General President concerning the rgowth and success of the order. He stated that the State had never had any trouble with the Order, and he commended the General President and General Secretary for the splendid work that they had done. He also mentioned the fact that he was confident that our success would not have been so great had it not been for the co-operation of some of the faithful local presidents, and may I add, some of them have been true to their trust —they can be trusted and depended upon. The trustees made their report and it was adopted by a majority of votes. Each person voted to suit himself by writing "yes" or "no." Many of our friends were just waiting for the Convention to pass on the building once more and they would be willing to go. The next collection for the building will be sent out in a few days. All presidents who have collected a portion of the fifty-five from their members will please finish on this round. Those who have not collected anything will please collect without fail fifty-five cents from each member and forward same to the Secretary. After the next collection is made we are going to publish in The Echo every lodge and the amount paid on the building. Should any one detect an error in his report please notify the Secretary and he will gladly correct it. It will be advisable for each president to preserve all post-office receipts as well as those received from the Secretary.

The Convention saw fit to elect Rev. I. C. Harper as General Vice-President to fill the place of Rev. G. E. Williams. No other changes were made in the general staff. A few fines and suspensions resulted among some of our local officers. The Convention was a profitable one, and we are confident of nothing but success in the future.

MY CHURCH

My Church is the place where the Word of God is preached, the Power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, the love of God is revealed. It should be the Home of my soul, the Altar of my devotion, the Hearth of my faith, the Center of my affection, and the Inspiration of my daily life. Having united with the Church in solemn covenant, I will advance its interests by my faithful Attendance at its services, by Studying its Holy Scriptures, by Observing its ordinances, by Contributing to its support, by Encouraging its members and its leaders, and by Joining with them in all good works! By thus Honoring and Serving God I shall share with many others the Life of the Kingdom of Heaven.

—The Rev. Walter O. Kinsolving, Christian Advocate.

Mr. Luther Smith is to be married Tuesday, August 12. He prefers August while it is hot.

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EDITORIAL

"THE NEGRO'S PLACE"

By Rev. Ernest Fremont Tittle in The Indianapolis Sunday Star.

"Has not the time come for us to judge the Negro by His Soul—his demonstrated capacity for cultural achievements—and give him a chance to reveal what his true 'Place' is in the future of Civilization?"

A scathing denouncement by a white minister who has the courage of his convictions.

(Distributed by The Preston News Service)

"I remember reading some time ago a statement made by Prof. Commons of the University of Wisconsin to the effect that the Teutonic race, until 500 years after Christ, were exceedingly primitive in their civilization, yet had mental qualities which made it possible for them to absorb the highest Roman civilization. And I was particularly impressed with his assertion that, "Could their babies have been taken out of the forest 2,000 years ago and transplanted to the homes and schools of modern America, they would have covered in one generation the progress of twenty centuries."

"Well, you say, that may have been possible in the case of the Teutonic race, but it is by no means possible in the case of the Negro race. You might say if you did not know Blooah.

"Glancing through a pamphlet published by Garrett Biblican Institute, I read with great surprise that the father of one of its students had been a 'village warrior.' I learned later that this student was a young African named Blooah; and that this lecture was the perfectly true story of his own life. For he was, quite literally, up in a cocoanut tree when he caught sight of the first white man whom either he or any member of his tribe had ever seen; and today he is doing post graduate work in an American theological school.

"Blooah, a native African, black as midnight, has actually done what Prof. Commons conjectured the natives of the Teutonic race might have done had they been taken out of the forest 2,000 years ago and transplanted to the homes and schools of modern America. He has actually covered in one generation the progress of twenty centuries.

"How impatient we are with the Negro. Only sixty years out of slavery, yet we expect him to measure up to the very highest standards of white world culture. And because he sometimes fail to do this, we jump to the conclusion that he is inherently and therefore permanently, inferior being who may be tolerated only if he 'keeps his place.'

"'What is the Negro's place?'

"The youngest student ever to receive the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Pennsylvania was Harris F. Blackstone, a Negro.

"In 1922, second on the list of 200 young medical students examined for internships at Cook County Hospital was Dr. Walter S. Grant, a Negro.

"In 1922, as the result of four years study, Smith College granted both the A. B. and M. A. degrees to Miss Eunice Hunton, a Negro.

"In 1921, the prize for the best French novel for the year was granted to Rene Maran, a Negro.

"In 1921, the Drama League of America selected as one of the ten persons who during the year had contributed most to the art of the theatre, Charles S. Gilpin, a Negro.

"The United States Patent Office has granted fifty-seven patents to Elijah McCoy, a Negro.

"And there is Scott, the mural painter; and Tanner, the painter of religious subjects; and Charles W. Chestnut, the novelist; and W. E. Burghardt DuBois, the brilliant savant; and William Stanley Braithwaite, the widely read literary critic; and Paul Laurance Dunbar, the poet, whose—

"Lay me down beneaf de willars in the grass,
Whah de branch 'll go a singin' as it pass,
An' we'en I's layin' low,
I kin hyeah it as it go
Singin' 'sleep my honey, tek yo' res' at las'!"

has made the whole world of sensitive spirits his debtor.

"What is the Negro's place?

"We men and women of the white race have treated the Negro badly enough, God knows. We have laid violent hands upon him and taken him from his home in Africa to serve us as a hewer of wood and a drawer of water in America. We have debauched his women folk and then branded him as immoral. We have in many instances kept him in ignorance and then pronounced him hopelessly stupid. President Moton of Tuskegee is authority for the statement that for 2,000,000 Negro children in the United States, there are, even yet, no educational facilities provided. We have treated the Negro badly enough. Has not the time now come for us to give him a fair chance?

"In his eloquent volume, 'The Souls of Black Folk,' Burghardt DuBois says that 'through all the sorrow of the Negro's sorrow songs there breathes a hope, a faith in the ulti-

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The above is the likeness of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Young. Mrs. Young took a business course at the United Business Institute, a branch of Des Moines University, Iowa. Rev. Young is a graduate of Paine College, Augusta, Ga. He spent a very profitable summer at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois. Though opportunities are good elsewhere, they desire to work in their home state, Mississippi.

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mate justice of things. . . . Sometimes it is a faith of life. Sometimes a faith of death. Sometimes an assurance of boundless justice in some fair world beyond. But whatever it is, the meaning is always clear—clear—that sometime, somewhere, men will judge men by their souls and not by their skins.'

"Has not the time come for us to judge the Negro by his soul—his demonstrated capacity for cultural achievements—and give him a chance to reveal what his true 'place' is in the future civilization?"

Watch the "X" on your paper and govern yourself accordingly.

All presidents are asked to begin collecting the balance of their building funds from their members. Those who have not collected any will please collect the whole amount—fifty-five cents. The last report for the year will be sent out in a few days. Please see to it that you are correct in your collections. The Secretary will be asked to compare all of your reports to see just how you and your lodge stand.

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For the silver shadows, for the sunlight gay—
For the sound of music, for the glowing sea,
For the stars that light the heaven's mystery?

Do we thank our Maker, every passing hour,
For each bit of beauty, for each gentle flower,
For the tender twilight, when the night is near,
For the smile that follows after every tear?

Do we thank our Teacher, with each swift heart-beat,
For the gift of fingers, for the gift of feet—
For our eyes, our hearing, for our lips and hands,
Or do we think swiftly that He understands?

We should thank our Father, simply as a child,
For His utter patience, calm and sweet and mild,
For the blessings scattered, over the way—
We should thank our Father, every livelong day!

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THE JACKSON DISTRICT CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Rev. Thomas Sanders, Sr., called his District Conference to meet July 31, Aug. 3, at Bentonia, Miss., at Cannon Chapel C. M. E. Church.

Rev. L. C. Hill is the energetic pastor at Bentonia, and he and his good people made it very pleasant for us while there. The writer stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Julia Burton. They made it so very pleasant for us while there that we all enjoyed ourselves. The people of Bentonia and its vicinity never leave a stone unturned when it comes to entertaining a district conference. This is true among both Methodists and Baptists.

We had one of those old time conferences. It was full of spiritual fire and Holy Ghost. Dr. Sanders is loved by all of the people who know him for his sweet, but firm disposition in business. We had one hundred and thirteen persons to partake of the sacramental feast. Every man who ascended the rostrum for the purpose of preaching seemed to have been saturated with spiritual fervor. Dr. D. M. Montgomery, P. E. of the Gloster District, was with us, also Dr. W. H. Foster, pastor of the Centerville Circuit. Bishop J. W. McKinney arrived Saturday and there were crowds to greet and meet him. The preaching was done by Revs. M. Wade, L. E. Epps, R. L. Young, J. W. Brown, E. F. Young, G. L. Burch, Bishop John W. McKinney and Rev. D. M. Montgomery. Our total collections were over $700. We shall be glad when the time comes for our return to Bentonia.

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NOTES

The following reports were omitted in the last issue of The Echo: Nos. 120 and 31. We do not have at hand the exact amount reported by both lodges. No. 31 reported $5.60 dues and $40.68 death claims. No. 120, Mr. B. J. Williams, president, sent in a good report, but we are not where we can get to it at this writing, however, we wish to inform him and his good members that we have his report.

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Mr. Lindsay, the photographer of Meridian, was at the Convention and took pictures of the assembled delegation. The pictures are very good. Every lodge should have one. Mr. Lindsay has mailed out about seventy-five already. Any one desiring one may write Mr. Lindsay at Meridian, Miss., P. O. Box 772. He requests that you send fifty-five cents. This will pay for the picture and postage for same.

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I have been notified of the following deaths since the last Board: Pat Craft, No. 125, Sam Peyton, No. 35, Reuben Weir, No. 82, Alice Evans, No. 158, Jessie Miller, No. 33, J. R. Roach, No. 65, Augustus McDonald, No. 15, Andrew Brown, No. 91, Rosie Chatman, No. 30, C. R. Bradley, No. 61, Luddie Darden, No. 40, Mary Scott, No. 68, W. B. Henderson, No. 61, Lucy S. Highland, No. 58, George Terry, No. 32. If any president has deceased members whose names do not appear in this number please forward them to my address at once.—Sec.

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The Echo was adopted as the official organ of the H. B. A. at the last Convention. The editor wishes to thank the Convention for this forward step. This shows that we have a knowledge of the advantage of publication.

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THE OPPORTUNITY OF LIFE

Life is a road we must travel. Some stand at the cradle crying while others have reached the end of the road and they stand at the end crying. Life is a long road to the average man, but all of us feel that there is something for us to do. Life is a road made up of three score and ten years, each section marked by twelve mile-stones, or twelve months.

We look ahead and see the word opportunity written on each of them. When this opportunity passes by it is gone forever. We may have another opportunity, but the one that passed is gone forever.

Let us spend our vacation in a manner that will be of some real benefit to us, and others as well. We do not have time to idle away the precious opportunities that are presenting themselves to us. Now is the time, and this is our opportunity to make good. Life is a struggle—opportunities pass this way once not to return.

L. C. STINNIS,
Pres. of H. B. A. 129.
Meridian, Miss.

RECORD BREAKING AT QUITMAN, MISS.

On the fifth Sunday in last month the General President and Secretary of the H. B. A. visited Quitman Lodge No. 82. Prof. Thomas Blakeney is the hustling president of said lodge. The Secretary preached at 11 a. m., and a lecture was given by the General President in the afternoon. This was a big occasion; all the people seemed to have been well satisfied with the sermon and lecture. Rev. J. W. James is the beloved pastor of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, where the services were held. He and his good people made it pleasant for the general officers and visiting friends. They had plenty to eat and some to carry back home. Rev. James has one of the best choirs in that section. The music rendered by the choir could hardly be excelled. The public collection amounted to $15.65. The door was opened for the reception of H. B. A. members. The General President was with Prof. Blakney last year and took in thirty-eight new members. We took in just forty-one new members. This is a record breaker. Nothing can stop the growth of the H. B. A. except God. Man's little hand seems to be too weak.

No. 82 is more than 100 strong.

Three rhas for 82 and Prof. Blakney.

FROM LUMBERTON

Dear Editor: Please grant me the privilege to say a few words in regards to the H. B. A.: I consider it to be the best order in the State for the poor people. It is doing our section of the country untold good. We are advising all of our people to join the H. B. A. There has been nothing in this section that has done the good that the H. B. A. is now doing. We sometimes get on our sick bed without a dime, but the H. B. A. stands as a comforter; the members visit the sick, order the doctor and pay the bills.

I have joined the H. B. A. not to die out of it but die in it. As long as we have such leaders as Revs. E. F. and R. L. Young we are bound to succeed. We have some sharp crooks who have been trying to throw them and get their places, but we want no thieves in office. We are going to watch all of them.

For the H. B. A. we live—for her we will die.

MRS. M. J. WILLIAMS.

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Presidents of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will please collect $1.50 from each of your members—15c quarterly dues and $1.35 death claims. You will please collect 25c from your lodge for publication. Our death roll is a bit heavy this quarter, but I am notifying you in plenty of time. It also happens that this is a time when money is not hard to get, this being the cotton season. Should any president fail to attend the Board you are requested to send your report to the Secretary at least three days before the Boards meet. This request is made because we have too many reports being made after the Board has met. All Presidents who are going to send in their reports are asked to forward them to me not later than September 25.

Watch the "X" on your paper and govern yourself accordingly.

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THE PURE HOME—AN ASSET

The Negro Home is undoubtedly a fact. Measured by the supreme test of civilization and the only adequate and final criterion of race progress and efficiency, namely, the ability to create the pure home, it must be acknowledged that the Negro has made good. The pure home is perhaps somewhat discouragingly in the minority and unknown to the masses of the whites who hear far more of the spectacular phases of Negro life; but it exists, and upon this priceless nucleus the race must depend in its efforts to create a social conscience. Such homes deserve all the more encouragement and sympathy because of the odds against which they must contend. They are most numerous in the towns and cities, but are there forced to exist in the least desirable sections, where over-crowding and unsanitary conditions are perhaps the least of the difficulties against which the pure home must struggle.

The betterment of the Negro's home life, as well as the elevation of his morals, is inseparably connected with education and industrial independence. With the acquisition of property naturally come refinement and cleaner morals. The character of a group may be measured to a certain extent by its intelligence and financial standing. Wealth and enlightenment do not indeed create moral values, but they offer the necessary instruments for the attainment of the highest type of personality. None realize this better than the Negro leaders themselves. —Advocate.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY NEGRO FAIR

I am sure both colored and white will feel proud to know that the Negro Fair is still alive. There has been a re-organization since last spring, with new officers added to the staff. The officers are as follows:

E. F. Young, president; Frank Berry, vice-president; R. L. Young, secretary; J. W. Smith, treasurer.

Advisory Committee—Dr. D. W. Sherrod, C. T. Butler, Prof. J. R. Reece, Prof. J. B. F. Shaw, Mrs. Emma Ivory, R. L. Young.

We are asking all of our people to co-operate with us and let's make the fair bigger and better. This is a splendid chance for the Negroes to prove their ability to do something. If no further changes the fair will be October 23, 24 and 25, day and night. We feel that we shall be able to profit by some of the mistakes made last year.

Mrs. C. T. Butler takes the place of Mrs. Lula Toler. All who know Mrs. Toler know that she puts things over. Our fair was good last year and we hope to make it better and better each year.

NOTICE!

A number of lodges failed to make their report in the last Convention. Any lodge that fails to make its annual report is fined $5.00. We trust that those who failed will govern themselves accordingly.

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The blanks for the last collection on the H. B. A. building have been sent out. All members who have not paid 55c for the year are kindly asked to pay the amount you are due to pay in this last report for this year. We want to put our property in first class condition. At 55c per member, yearly, we could have had two or three thousand dollars collected by this time. The property belongs to the Association, and all members who are in good standing have an equal share in this property, but those who quit have no claim on any thing or any moneys that have been paid to the Association. We have $6,100 as a bond in Jackson for the protection of our members. There are a few so-called men in the H. B. A. who want to tear up and bring about a split in the Association, but I think they are coming out at the little end of the horn. Some of them will remind you of a little fice that is always barking but never bites. I feel sorry for the poor little fellows; poor little things, they need a sugar tit so we can rock them to sleep. Don't cry babies, you will get what you need if not what you want.

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MT. PLEASANT REVIVAL

Rev. R. L. Young ran Rev. W. M. Anderson's revival at Mt. Pleasant. He did not reach Mt. Pleasant until Monday. It was reported that Rev. Anderson preached two sermons on Sunday that suited everybody. The meeting reached such a high pitch that the stewards, members and friends prevailed with the pastor to continue the meeting throughout the week. Rev. Young preached seven sermons and had twenty to join the Church.

The collection on Sunday was something over $100. By Wednesday at 3 p. m, more than $192 had been raised.

Rev. Young left in the afternoon for Meridian, but the meeting was continued.

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Rev. E. F. Young had a good revival at Skiffer. Rev. H. B. Leach ran the meeting. It is reported that Rev. Leach preached as never before. The meeting was set on hallowed fire. The collections were over $100. A goodly number were added to the Church.

Rev. Young and his members have on a Mark Annual Conference for the second Saturday night in September. Dr. H. B. Leach will be the presiding bishop.

Rev. R. L. Young and his people at Magee have staged a Mark Annual Conference which will be pulled off Friday night before the second Sunday in September. They have six presiding elders, namely: Elder Frankie Grantham, Sletia Sullivan, Mary (Hayes) McLain, C. T. Jones, Lola Jones and Easter Barber. Each elder has a list of preachers, and each preacher is to do his best to make his elder lead. Each elder is expected to raise at least $25.00. A large number of visiting bishops will be present together with general officers. A large delegation from the Baptist Church will be present. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Young, is going to give away free of charge, candy, chewing gum, peanuts, thirty or forty gallons of lemonade to the public. Everybody is invited to be at Goodwater, Friday night before the second Sunday. Goodwater must beat Rev. E. F. and Skiffer.

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Goodwater Church has been painted inside and out. Too much praise can not be given L. D. McLeod for the great part that he played in painting the Church. He was the main force. E. L. Tims, J. W. Grantham and others were there to assist him in the great work. The white people of Magee stopped the pastor on the streets and complimented him and his members for the great work that they have done.

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Rev. M. W. Wilson has bought a nice Baby Overland. It will come in handy with him in his time of harvest on the Lauderdale Circuit. Rev. Wilson is doing a nice business in his barber trade. One of his barbers, Fred Young, Jr., did $23.05 worth of barber work in one day a few Saturdays ago. That is almost a record breaker, I am told, for any barber in Meridian.

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MAGEE REVIVALS

Rev. W. M. Anderson ran Rev. R. L. Young's revival at Goodwater C. M. E. Church, Magee, Miss. The meeting was run three days. The meeting was very good spiritually and financially. Though there were only three to join, the church was spiritually revived. The amount of $80.55 was raised during the meeting. The members of Goodwater and the members of the Baptist Church gave Rev. Young a nice crate of chickens to carry home to his wife.

Rev. Miller of the Baptist Church had a splendid revival. We are unable to say how many additions were made and how much cash was raised, but we are informed that the meeting was good.

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HENRY AUSTIN GOES TO HIS REWARD

It has pleased God to take from us our beloved friend and brother, Henry Austin, who departed this life July 22. He was born in 1852. He lived in Meridian for a number of years. He was a member of H. B. A. No. 33, true and loyal. When he joined the order there were only 33 lodges in the Association. He lived to see more than 133 lodges organized. He leaves sons and daughters as well as a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Dear father from us has gone to his long eternal home, his smiling face we see no more.

Oh, why should I lament and mourn
Since God our Savior thought it best,
To take him from this world of sin;
He sleeps now a peaceful sleep.

He waits for God's trumpet to sound
That he may rise and soar away,
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A LETTER

My Dear Rev. Young:—

Today I had a very interesting as well as amusing letter from you in regard to the Mark Annual Conference which is to be held at Goodwater C. M. E. Church at Magee, Miss., Friday night before the second Sunday in September. You stated that you and your people were anxious to have me come.

You may inform your people of my coming. I shall be proud to serve you and be your presiding bishop for the occasion. Tell your people that I will be down on the Friday morning train.

With best wishes, I am,
Yours very truly,
REV. J. W. BROWN,
Jackson, Miss.
1320 Lynch Street.

NOTICE!

The H. B. A. Boards meet as follows:

No. 3, Oct. 6, at Prentiss, Miss.

No. 2, Rose Hill Lodge, at Complete, Miss., near the Meridian Asylum, Oct. 7.

No. 1 at Union Baptist Church, Oct. 8, Thirty-eighth Avenue and Davis Street, Meridian.

All presidents are requested to be on time. We desire to pay off each day. It can be done if the presidents will co-operate. Please see to it that your members do not wait until the last day to pay their claims.

R. L. YOUNG, Sec.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your paper to let the Association know that we have lost one of our best members from Red Rose Lodge No. 127 at Shubuta, Miss. Prof. B. J. McGowan died Aug. 3, 1924. He was a member in good standing and a man who was worth while in our community. We mourn his loss and yet we believe it is heaven's gain.

MRS. CARRIE JURRY, Pres.
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JOHN J. PERSHING, RETIRED

By virtue of his age, 64, John J. Pershing, head of the United States armies in France during the world war, retires as general of the army of the United States, closing a military career second only in American history to that of Washington, Grant and Lee, and in the full affection of the American people whom he served so well during his military life.

John J. Pershing, in olden days known as "Black Jack" Pershing, is a graduate of West Point, entering the military academy when 22 years old and graduating in the class of 1886, starting his army career as a second lieutenant. He was born in Missouri in 1860 and lived there during his boyhood life, graduating from the Kirkville, Mo., school 20 years later. He has been an army officer since graduation, serving as military instructor at the University of Nebraska, at army posts, an instructor in tactics at the West Point school. During the Spanish-American war Pershing served his country in Cuba as a member of the Tenth Cavalry, later organizing the bureau of insular affairs of which he was chief, being sent in 1899 to the Philippine Islands in the adjutant general's department at Mindanao, and commander of central operations against the Moros in that part of the Philippines, where he served for four years. In 1906 he was made governor of Moro province after having been sent to Tokio, Japan, as military attache, where he was with Kuroki's army in the Manchurian campaign. In 1913 he was made brigadier general, and in 1914 was given command of the eighth brigade stationed at Presideo, Cal., and of the El Paso patrol. In 1916 he was given command of the American troops and sent into Mexico to capture Villa. Upon entrance of America into the world conflict Pershing was made commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces in Europe where he won renown that will never fade.

No man ever faced a more difficult military problem; he had to act "on his own" and he acted with credit to himself and to his country. He talked little, thought much and acted with strength in every difficulty he faced.

Following the conflict, Pershing devoted the remainder of his military career in organizing a peace army. How well he succeeded Defense Day answered, and answered well. General Pershing retires with all honors conferred upon him, without smirch and without jealousies or animosities. —Meridian Star.

AGENT BUCKLEY DOING BIG THINGS

Prof. A. Buckley is doing big things for the H. B. A. He has added 25 members to Laurel H. B. A. No. 109; to No. 102 he added 70; to No. 108 he added 63; to Lumberton No. 120 he added 32. A total of about 190 members in the last 30 days.

Mr. Newkirk of Hattiesburg succeeds Rev. I. C. Harper as president. Rev. Harper resigned a few weeks ago. He gave the lodge 30 days' notice in order that it might have a good man selected to take his place. Mr. Newkirk is a hustling man and he is expected to fill his office with pride and dignity.

On Sept. 11 a great installation was had at No. 102. All new officers were installed. Rev. E. D. Avery, president of No. 108, was present. All lodges and members of Hattiesburg participated in this great event.

H. B. A. is the slogan in Hattiesburg.

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Presidents of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will please collect $1.50 from each of your members—15c quarterly dues and $1.35 death claims. You will please collect 25c from your lodge for publication. Our death roll is a bit heavy this quarter, but I am notifying you in plenty of time. It also happens that this is a time when money is not hard to get, this being the cotton season. Should any president fail to attend the Board you are requested to send your report to the Secretary at least three days before the Boards meet. This request is made because we have too many reports being made after the Board has met. All Presidents who are going to send in their reports are asked to forward them to me not later than September 25.

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IS THE HOLBROOK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION CHANGED TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY?

There seems to be much comment on the H. B. A. being changed to an insurance company. Is it changed or not? I shall answer just as it is. No, we began our work as the Holbrook Benevolent Association, and we are still going as the Holbrook Benevolent Association. We take care of our sick as we have always done. We pay our doctor bills as we have always done; we bury our dead as we have been doing; our constitutions are constitutions of the Holbrook Benevolent Association; our policies are policies of the Holbrook Benevolent Association; our agents get license to organize lodges for the Holbrook Benevolent Association; the doctors ride for the Holbrook Benevolent Association. We have bought a nice two-story brick building for the Holbrook Benevolent Association; the property is deeded to the Holbrook Benevolent Association; its trustees and their successors; we have $6,500 for the protection of policy holders of the Holbrook Benevolent Association; we have a charter for the Holbrook Benevolent Association; we are examined yearly as the Holbrook Benevolent Association; all firms, lawyers, the insurance commissioner and the like write us and transact business with us as the Holbrook Benevolent Association; the general treasurer deposits all of the body's money and writes checks for same for the Holbrook Benevolent Association; our official seal is a seal of the Holbrook Benevolent Association; our badges and pins represent the Holbrook Benevolent Association; all our undertaker bills are to the Holbrook Benevolent Association; our report blanks are blanks of the Holbrook Benevolent Association; we have financial cards for members of the Holbrook Benevolent Association; in fact we represent the Holbrook Benevolent Association; this is the Holbrook Benevolent Association, and we are heirs and joint heirs of this great organization.

Mr. S. P. Henry had us to understand at the last Convention that we are still the Holbrook Benevolent Association, not only that, but he says you can call or name yourselves just whatever you please but the kind of business that we are doing comes under the head of insurance. That is why we pay a bond fee for the protection of our policyholders. We first promise to pay so much per member, when one of our members dies, and if we did not have up a bond we could pay if we desired or we could leave it alone. There would be no way to make us do it.

Technically speaking then we are an insurance company because we are doing an insurance business, but we are doing no more insurance business today than we were doing when we first began. The state saw fit to have us put up a bond for the protection of our policyholders, and that was a grand and noble thing. When a man joins the H. B. A. he joins it for the good that comes to him while he lives and the good that will come to his family after he is dead. In other words he takes out a policy; he insures his life and when he dies the policy is a witness to the fact that his life was insured. If the life is insured it takes nothing but a business that is doing an insurance business to pay insurance.

Technically then we are an insurance company, but that has nothing to do with the Holbrook Benevolent Association. We are the Holbrook Benevolent Association, doing an insurance business. Allow me to bring this matter closer home to you. Have you not been to revivals, and after the minister had preached a wonderful sermon he extended an invitation to sinners? He gave them an opportunity to come and be prayed for. At first there seems to be no sinners in the building. The minister resorts to other means; he asks all the Christians to be seated and sinners remain standing. Almost all persons in the building will be seated, just a few sinners will remain. Technically speaking all of those persons who sat down were sinners, but they were members of the church; in other words they were Christians. Every man who sins is a sinner. Every person who insures his life gets a policy as a witness to that fact, is a mem-

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ber of an insurance company, technically speaking.

There is nothing wrong in being a member of an insurance company, in fact more of our people should insure their lives. They should not only be members of the H. B. A., but they should join other organizations as well.

The H. B. A. is a growing child. Eight years ago she was about one thousand or twelve hundred strong. Today she surpasses four thousand. We are growing daily, and though we are going to have some fall-off with those who desire to join the Williams faction, we are confident, and strongly believe, we can replace that number in twelve months if not less. There is a certain crew that we wish to rid ourselves of anyhow. They are doing just what we wanted them to do. We are just proud to see them go. We can afford to lose them. So far as the head is concerned it will not be hurt whatever. It will cause the relatives of deceased members to fall short on death claims, but we will soon be normal. One thing that is pleasing to know is the majority of those who lead the faction are men who were condemned and convicted at the last Convention for stealing dead folks' money. Instead of suspending four or five at the past Convention, we should have suspended a large number of president posers. We have men who said they were going to carry certain points or tear up. They failed to carry their points and we will see big-bud when he tears up the H. B. A. We will make him rise early and sit up late. The poor fellows have lost in every attempt made by them. All it takes to beat the boys is a cool level head. Just keep a cool head and a warm heart and you can beat him every time. A man who can not stand a defeat is not fit for a leader—not even to lead cats.

I met the ex-general Vice-President Rev. G. E. Williams, the other day on the streets and he told me that he was going to law with the Association for $5.40. I tried to show him that he has the money and not the Association, but he could not see it. I asked him not to go to law for it would not only be a reflection upon him but the race, for when he goes to law we will surely make a monkey out of him. He may go to law but I don't believe it, and if he does he is beaten already. In the Board before this last he was short of about twelve dollars, and it was deducted from his check. In the June Board he was short $8.51. I just held it out of his check. I do not know where the money is nor who has it, but Rev. Williams collected it and I held him responsible for it. He has not been able to find it yet, but I suspect some one short-changed him. Well, if you can not count money accurately, people will short-change you but it's your hard luck.

Dear Editor:—

A few days ago I was at Perkinston, Miss., and I had the privilege to organize a lodge with 26 members. Mr. E. L. Crosby was elected president. He stands high in that section of the country. Brother W. H. Langham, president of No. 105, Wiggins, Miss., was with us. He made a noble talk before we left and it meant much to our people. I also visited No. 105 before I returned to Meridian. All indications in that section point toward great growth for the H. B. A.

REV. D. H. WATSON,
Agent.

To the General President of the Holbrook Benevolent Association:—

Whereas, the Rev. G. E. Williams, who was removed from his office at the last Convention, is circulating dodgers all over the country among our H. B. A. presidents and members, and whereas he is inviting our members to pull out and join a new concern that he is trying to organize, we recommend that he be expelled as a member for life. We also recommend that you as president of the Association suspend the local presidents who take part in any way with the said Rev. G. E. Williams. As agents, we feel this to be our duty.

(Signed)

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NOTICE

The H. B. A. building is being put into first class condition. It has been suggested by a host of members that a big reception be given for all H. B. A.'s when we shall have finished our work. I think it is a grand suggestion. Brother J. W. Smith, one of the trustees, was the first to suggest that we do this. We are planning to pull off one of the biggest receptions ever had in Meridian by the H. B. A.'s. We will be able to tell more about it when the Boards meet. The trustees are all working together. The walls have been plastered and we are now having a concrete floor put in. When it is finished it will make you smile and feel proud to know that you are an H. B. A.

Dear Editor:—

I wish to state that I am doing quite well in my lodge. We have one or two members who are very contrary. They are wolves in sheep clothing. We have expelled two of our members because of conduct unbecoming. No 158 is on the upward march. Whenever a call is made we want to answer to our names. The local lodges have some bad fellows to contend with just as the Convention and general body, but we are going to sort them out. If this will be done in all lodges we will have less trouble at the Convention.

REV. C. J. JACKSON,
President.

MRS. A. M. SANDERSON, Sec.

NOTICE!

The H. B. A. Boards meet as follows:

No. 3, Oct. 6, at Prentiss, Miss.

No. 2, Rose Hill Lodge, at Complete, Miss., near the Meridian Asylum, Oct. 7.

No. 1 at Union Baptist Church, Oct. 8, Thirty-eighth Avenue and Davis Street, Meridian.

All presidents are requested to be on time. We desire to pay off each day. It can be done if the presidents will co-operate. Please see to it that your members do not wait until the last day to pay their claims.

R. L. YOUNG, Sec.

GOODWATER MARK ANNUAL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

The Mark Annual Conference held by Dr. J. W. Brown for Rev. R. L. Young was quite a success. All elders made good reports. The preachers and delegates made good reports also. The elders' reports were as follows:

Elder Mary Hayes, $2.00; Elder Lola Jones, $5.60; Elder Sletia Sullivan, $6.00; Elder Frankie Grantham, $6.00; Elder T. Jones, $11.00; Elder Easter Barber, $15.00.

The general officers were as follows:

Secretary L. D. McLeod, $1.00; Hollie McLeod, $1.00; Mitchel Hayes, $1.00; W. Stubbs, $1.00; Mrs. Will Buchanan, $1.00; E. L. Tims, $1.00; Jim Hayes, 50c; Rev. W. M. Wadkins, 50c.

Mrs. Easter Barber made the best report among the elders. She was followed by Mrs. T. Jones. When we consider the short notice for this Mark Annual Conference, all of our general officers and elders should have the praise for the great work that was done. Among the elders we make special mention of Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Jones, because they did exceptionally well.

The sermon by Dr. J. W. Brown was exceptionally good. The house was crowded and "Uncle Joe" preached as never before. He set the house on hallowed fire. Dr. Brown will preach three nights beginning Monday after the second Sunday in October. Everybody in that section will be pleased to know that he is to be with us. The total amount raised up to Sunday night was about $90.00. The pastor gave the people a reception after all was over. They had plenty of lemonade, gum and candy all of which was served free.

Mr. Ed Holloway, a member of H. B. A. No. 133, and a member of Magee Baptist Church, lost one of his daughters on the 12th of this month. We extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy.

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY NEGRO FAIR

The Lauderdale County Negro Fair will be held at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair Grounds, Meridian, Miss., October 23, 24 and 25, 1924.

Following is the program for the three days:

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

10:00 A. M.—Grand parade.

11:30 A. M.—Judging floats, etc., in front of the grand stand. Band concert by Meridian Metropolitan Band.

1:30 P. M.—Free Acts.

2:00 P. M.—Races—Pacing, Trotting, Running; Mule Race; Bicycle Race.

5:00 P. M.—Minstrel—Wechsler High School and Baptist Seminary.

7:30 P. M.—Band concert.

8:00 P. M.—Free Acts.

8:30 P. M.—Boxing match.

9:00 P. M.—Night Horse Show.

9:30 P. M.—Minstrel—Wechsler High School and Baptist Seminary.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 A. M.—Judging exhibits—Live Stock, Poultry and Hogs.

11:00 A. M.—Band Concert—Free Acts. Educated Horse. Educated Dog. Boxing Match. Demonstration in Hypnotism by Henry Ward, the "World's Wonder."

1:00 P. M.—Basketball game, foot races and other games, directed by Miss Bertha O. Taylor.

2:00 P. M.—Basketball game—Girls vs. Boys.

3:00 P. M.—Races.

5:00 P. M.—Minstrel—Wechsler High School and Baptist Seminary.

7:30 P. M.—Band concert.

8:00 P. M.—Spectacular drills and marches by girls in brilliant costumes. Fashion show, directed by Misses Emerson, Gaines, Beale, Buckingham and Strayhorn.

9:00 P. M.—Night Horse Show.

9:30 P. M.—Minstrel—Wechsler High School and Baptist Seminary.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:00 A. M.—Band concert up town.

11:00 A. M.—Awarding prizes.

11:30 A. M.—Band concert in front of grand stand. Free acts. Boxing match.

1:00 P. M.—Mule race.

1:30 P. M.—Free Acts.

2:00 P. M.—Minstrel

3:00 P. M.—Races.

5:00 P. M.—Minstrel.

7:30 P. M.—Band concert—Free acts. Boxing match. Night horse show.

9:00 P. M.—Minstrel.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Don't miss seeing Mr. Ward with his wonderful power of hypnotism. Each day he will give demonstrations. He will place head of boy on one chair, heels on another, and the heaviest man can stand on boy's stomach.

Saturday will be known as FORD CAR DAY. All Ford Cars and Drivers will be admitted free. The Ford bringing the largest number of persons on any one trip will be given a prize of $5.00. Register and have persons counted at gate. Trucks not included.

See Catalogue for prizes. Valuable purses for horse races.

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H. B. A. JUVENILES

The juvenile department of the H. B. A. is moving forward. On September 21, Mr. I. English of H. B. A. No. 69 had a grand annual sermon at his lodge. The sermon was delivered by Rev. W. H. Lewis of this city. A grand and noble paper was read by the little miss of the juvenile department, which met in connection with the H. B. A.. We take pleasure in letting the paper appear in print:

We the members of the juvenile department, are trying each day of our lives to do some good deed for the benefit of others. This happy band is always ready and willing to care for the ones who are less fortunate than we. Our society means a great deal to us because it, as well as we, stands for big things. The H. B. A. is our mother, and the mother is doing a great work. We are her children, and big things are expected of the children of the H. B. A. When Rev. E. F. Young organized this department he did a great deed. We stand for the building of character, clean living and right thinking, and above all, it stands for happiness and honesty. We stand for better and more useful men and women. The girls and boys of today will be the men and women of tomorrow, and we will represent you in our future lives.

If our mothers and fathers will only set the right example for us we will assure you that we will rise to higher and greater heights. We are rising, and ere long we shall pass away. We want the news to spread far and near that the world may know we are rising.

Those who want little, do little.

Watch the "X" on your paper and govern yourself accordingly.

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THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY NEGRO FAIR

Just a few more days and the Lauderdale County Negro Fair will be history. This fair promises to be the best in the history of the Negro fairs of Lauderdale County. All persons are asked to take a part in the grand parade. Let's do our best to put this fair on the map. The many interesting features that will be staged by the Negroes are going to prove worth while. Mr. Johnnie Johnson, who has charge of the racing department, is going to be able to pull off some of the best races ever staged by our people.

This fair can only succeed through the efforts of a combined force. If we fail it is the Negro who has failed. If we succeed it is the Negro who has succeeded. Success is ours if we desire to succeed. Let the watch word be, "Lauderdale County Negro Fair." We should adopt a motto; when our friends meet us and say, "Good morning, or good evening," we should bow or raise our hats and say, "Lauderdale County Negro Fair."

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OCTOBER BOARDS NOW HISTORY

The H. B. A. Boards are now history. They are history that we feel proud of. We held three of the most successful boards ever held. The one thing that made these Boards a success was the Christian-like spirit that was exhibited by those present. There was a spirit of benevolence manifested throughout the meeting. Of course there may be times that we may have four good pulling mules and one that does not want to pull, but the four good ones are able to pull the load over the one that does not care to pull, and for fear the wagon may run over him, he will be compelled to move up.

We were at Prentiss, Miss., on Oct. 6, with Dr. W. J. Tate. He and his good people made it very pleasant for us. Mr. Diamond Cox of Jackson, Miss., was a distinguished visitor of the Board. Mr. Cox represents the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., the largest Negro insurance company in the world. Mr. Cox gave a wonderful lecture, and his words and advice will never be forgotten. Prof. J. E. Johnson, principal of Prentiss Normal and Industrial Institute, peeped in on us and delivered a grand address. He and Mr. Cox pointed out the great work that the H. B. A. is doing, and they, as others, felt that the H. B. A. is an organization that can reach more of our people than any other order.

On October 7 we were with No. 70; Brother Tom Smith and his good people made it very pleasant for us. On the 8th we were with No. 69; we all know I. English and his good people. They always do big things. We had a large number of presidents to come out to see what we were going to do. They found out that we meant business and they went back and sent in their reports at once. The Boards fined every president who had failed to respond whatever on the building fund $1.50 and removed him from office. It stated that he could remain a member on good behavior. All members who failed to pay the building fund and death claims were pronounced out, but they could pay up without renewing provided they do so on or before November 1. After November 1 he will have to pay $1.00 to renew to the general body, 75c to the local lodge, together with all that he owed at the time he was suspended. Twenty odd presidents were suspended from their office. The following lodges paid their publication fee, and we herewith publish their reports. Should any report fail to appear that was paid for the president is asked to notify the editor.

DISTRICT No. 1

Lodge—	Dues.	Death.	Back C.
1	$ 6.45	$ 59.40	◌
2	7.20	66.15	
3	2.70	25.65	
4	9.00	82.35	
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20	7.20	66.15	
33	6.60	60.75	
40	6.00	55.35	
53	6.15	56.70	
47	1.20	12.15	
59	.30	2.70	
60	2.85	27.00	
61	.90	9.40	
69	4.35	40.50	
72	4.80	44.55	
84	2.55	24.30	
104	.60	6.70	
110	3.15	29.70	
120	1.80	17.55	
125	3.90	31.05	
129	.60	6.70	

DISTRICT No. 2

Lodge—	Dues.	Death.	Back C.
7	1.20	12.15	
8	.30	4.05	
11	1.65	16.20	
13	1.20	10.80	
18	1.50	14.85	
21	6.75	62.10	
22	2.25	21.60	
27	4.05	37.80	
28	9.15	83.70	
30	8.10	74.25	
31	4.65	43.20	
32	3.75	35.10	
35	2.55	24.30	
39	9.00	82.35	1.25
42	4.80	44.55	
50	2.40	22.95	
54	1.20	12.15	
56	2.85	27.00	2.50
64	9.75	91.80	
70	4.20	39.15	
79	5.55	51.30	
93	6.50	56.70	
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Lodge—	Dues.	Death.	Back C.
98	4.80	44.55	
100	2.10	20.25	
111	1.05	10.80	
112	1.20	12.15	
113	2.25	21.60	
114	.75	8.10	
122	1.80	17.55	
135	.60	6.70	
139	2.40	22.95	
157	1.50	14.85	5.00
161	2.25	21.60	
162	.90	9.45	

DISTRICT No. 3

23	12.45	113.40	
49	1.50	14.85	
52	3.60	33.75	
57	22.95	207.90	1.70
58	2.55	24.30	
62	3.00	28.35	
63	2.85	27.00	
66	1.05	10.80	
71	.15	2.70	1.70
74	2.25	21.60	
76	4.65	43.20	
77	1.65	16.20	
82	11.70	106.65	
92	6.30	58.05	
94	1.20	12.35	
99	1.05	10.80	
103	2.25	21.60	
105	3.90	36.45	
109	2.55	24.30	
118	3.15	29.70	
119	11.40	103.39	
121	2.85	27.00	
127	5.85	54.00	
133	10.50	95.85	
141	3.45	32.40	
145	1.95	18.90	
148	1.50	14.85	
152	2.10	20.25	
153	5.55	51.30	
159	2.40	22.95	
166	2.70	25.65	
171	3.30	31.05	

District No. 3 paid $215.67 to each representative. I have sent out checks for $15.00 more, making a total of $230.67 for No. 3. I have more on hand to be sent out.

Nos. 1 and 2 having the largest number of deaths in the history of the order, and having about seven presidents who had deceased members for whom they would not pay, neither would they collect from their members, paid $97.25 each. There were 21 deaths in one and two.

We have a number of lodges that have made their reports since the Board. This will make one and two pay quite a bit over $100.00.

In the December Board we will be back to normal again. The Board cut off all the floaters and parasites in the last Boards. This means progress and prosperity to the H. B. A.; just watch her for the next six months.

The following collections were raised in the past Boards:

Back dues	$ 20.00
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Back death claims	54.80
Present death claims	3,755.70
Grand total death claims	3,810.50
B. H. A. Building Fund	100.00
Bond	100.00
Grand total collected at Boards	$4,476.50

By the time all reports are in we will have about $5,000.00 and over 3,000 members in good and regular standing. A day has been set apart in November to celebrate the grand opening of the H. B. A. building. All presidents and members will be notified and invited to be present.

All checks for back moneys have been sent out. If any one has failed to receive his check please notify the Secretary.

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Rev. J. W. Brown of Jackson, Miss. ran a three-night meeting at Goodwater for Rev. R. L. Young. The services were good, beginning Sunday. Three were added to the church. The church was spiritually revived. The collection amounted to about $85.00. The good people are doing their best to send their pastor to the annual conference with a round report. The Woman's Missionary department is doing well. The following women made the following reports: Mrs. Effie Page, $1.75; Mrs. Easter Barber, $2.50; Mrs. T. Jones, $2.82; Mrs. Frankie Grantham, $5.50; all of these women should be commended for their splendid work. Mrs. Frankie Grantham leads in this report.

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State of Mississippi,
County of Lauderdale—ss.

Before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Roy L. Young, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor and Business Manager of The Echo, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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COUNTY FAIR A SUCCESS

The three-day county fair, held October 23, 24 and 25, at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair Grounds, was a success. The attendance was below that of the past year because of the short time in which we had to advertise and work it up. The business side far exceeds last year. We were able to pay for racing each day. All premiums and prizes were given out. We have had no complaints from anybody whatever about any promise not being kept. Some of our friends were fearing there would be much dissatisfaction because of a lack in funds, but those who had the financial side of the fair to look after managed well and saw to it that there were no overhead expenses. Mrs. E. S. Butler, Demonstration Agent; Prof. T. J. Harris, General Manager; R. L. Young, Secretary, and Johnnie Johnson, Manager of the Racing Department, had quite a job before them, since some of the people wanted to defeat the project, most especially the racing department. A large number of the horse owners of the city took an active part in the races as well as the farmers. The fair association is greatly indebted to those who took such an active part to make the fair a real success. The exhibits were exceptionally good, in fact, the fair made an excellent showing. The program rendered by the students of Wechsler and the Baptist Seminary were excellent. The minstrel by the students of these two schools was exceptionally good. It is thought that it surpassed that of last year.

Many comments were passed on the racing, boxing, educated dogs and the educated horse.

Mr. Cliff Williams, a well-known and wealthy citizen of this city, was out to see the many interesting features. He was so impressed with what the Negroes were trying to do in putting on a fair that he promised to help us another year by putting some money behind the fair association, thereby helping us to have a real fair.

The managers of the fair association wish to take this opportunity to thank all concerned for their loyal support in helping us to stage a fair, for without your support we could not and would not have been successful.

Very respectfully yours,
FAIR ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE!

I have sent out to each local president $1.10 bond interest. This does not include lodges whose numbers are above 159. If your lodge is above 159 you will not draw any interest until the next interest is sent out by the insurance department. I sent out 80c the first of the year. I am now sending $1.10 which makes a total of $1.90 that each lodge has drawn this year as interest on your money. No doubt in a few years we will be drawing four or five dollars per year. Each president is requested to take the check to his lodge and let the lodge dispose of it in whatever way it desires. Please do not do as some were reported to have done before; never mention the bond interest to the members. If any president has failed to get his check please notify me at once.

I wish to mention the fact that Mr. B. J. Williams of No. 120, and Rev. C. L. Pringle of No. 95, whose reports did not show up in The Echo that they made their reports, which were very good. It was an oversight on my part as to why they were not published.

R. L. YOUNG,
Secretary.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Pringle On the Field

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Pringle are making a big drive for the H. B. A. They have a chip to knock off of Prof. Buckley's shoulder. They mean to organize more lodges this quarter than Prof. Buckley. They have organized two strong lodges at Quitman, Miss. They spent about three days in Meridian. They have three other engagements for new lodges this week. Rev. Pringle (the Blue String) says when the next Board meets we will not know that thing happened.

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Mr. G. W. McQuarter of Lauderdale has been very active in reinstating H. B. A.'s who have been blindly led off. Though he is not an agent, he has shown his love for the H. B. A. He went to Pine Ridge No. 44 and gathered the scattered sheep and hovered them into the fold. They have elected a new president and are on foot again. All the folks want is a leader. That is why there has been so much confusion—for the want of leadership. For the want of knowledge my people perish.

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Mr. W. H. Langham of Wiggins, Miss., has organized a new lodge since the last Board. Mr. Langham is a new agent on the field. It appears as if he is going to do some real business.

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Mr. B. Brown, H. B. A. agent, has just returned from Jackson, Miss., where he has a new lodge on foot. He reports that the prospects are good for two lodges in the section that he visited. All of the agents and members seem to mean business. Push on boys, this little blow is nothing but a "tester." We do not know the wind is blowing.

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The remodeling of the H. B. A. building is about completed, both in and outside. We have had a number of compliments by both white and colored for the wonderful improvement made. The Insurance Department has heard of our work and improvement and has sent a letter of congratulations for this great move. The Insurance Department states that it is very well pleased with the work done at the convention. It is proud to know that dues were raised, but sorry to know that we did not raise dues to at least 20c. Well, I think we can manage to do a good business on 15c. All we need is the people. I am not able to say just when and what time the dedication and opening of the building will be, but each president will be notified.

It's a grand thing to walk down the street and look at our property and know that it is the property of 3,500 active H. B. A.'s, in good and regular standing. There is not anything in Meridian like it. Out of all the Negro business concerns of Meridian the H. B. A.'s have the biggest. Then why should we not feel justly proud of this standing monument to our credit. Those of us who can stand progress and prosperity must go forth to meet the conquest. Our people are flocking back to the H. B. A. as bees to their hives. We have collected more back money in this short time than ever in the history of the H. B. A. We have over $200 cash dollars on hand, and it is still pouring in. Come home, children, come home, there is death and danger in delay. There is richness and joy over here. You have $6,500 as a surplus, a protection for policyholders. We can guarantee your money if you should die. We have a home, a building, a place that we can call our own. I hear the footsteps of unborn generations, unmade H. B. A.'s rapping at the door of truth crying, there is a poor blind candidate seeking admittance into the H. B. A. Just listen at that stranger as he so earnestly calls for light. Oh, it is light that he desires, and we have it. Come on ye sons of Ham! Come on Ethiopia! We have come to save every Negro, old and young, great and small, rich and poor. You can live with us if your morals are good. We care not what you may be a member of. You can be a member of all the other societies if you desire. We are too broad as H. B. A.'s to try to prevent you from becoming an H. B. A. because you are a member of something else. And furthermore, a man has a right to belong to whatever he pleases. Should a Mason try to keep an Odd Fellow out of the Masonic lodge because he is an Odd Fellow? My answer is, No! The H. B. A. helps one to live. Its object is not to kill. Every man that has been killed in the H. B. A. has killed himself. We don't even allow one man to kill another. He must kill himself.

SECRETARY.

H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE

The following deaceased names have been sent in by the local presidents to be paid off in the next Board which will meet the latter part of December:

Caroline Shelton, No. 67.
Sarah Lynch, No. 111.
H. V. Moore, No. 56.
Lula B. Graves, No. 23.
Almer Ivy, No. 21.
Charley Hubb, No. 109.
J. A. Tate, No. 120.
Mary McDonald, No. 30.
Sallie Seal, No. 69.
Mittie Brassfield, No. 18.
One from H. J. Green, No. 165.
One from H. B. A. No. 33.

The last two mentioned are to be sent in by the presidents. You are requested to forward me the names of your deceased members at once.

R. L. YOUNG,
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(By Mrs. E. F. Young).

Putting off an easy thing in life makes it hard later on; putting off a hard thing makes almost the impossible. In all your dealings remember that today is your opportunity; tomorrow is some other fellow's. Success is not made by lying awake at night, but by keeping awake in the day. When a man goes to sleep on his job, don't wake him, just give the job to some one already awake. Lazy men are dead men whose burial has simply been postponed. Hard luck is composed of laziness and poor judgment. A failure is one who has quit trying. It's no crime to be poor, but it's an awful mistake, and it puts one to a lot of trouble.

Did you not know that Jones died and left everything he had to an orphans' home? No. What all did he leave? He left ten children, naked and hungry. One day a man was hunting in the forest. A terrible rain and storm arose, and looking for shelter, he was compelled to go into a hollow log. It fitted snugly. In a short while the log was saturated with water. The log began to swell and tighten down on the man. When the rain ceased, the hunter tried to get out. He strained and tried to get out but the log had him tight. In a short bit he had given up to die. He then realized that he failed to take out a policy one day. His life was not insured. He was worth nothing to his wife, living nor dead. I think a man should at least be worth dying. The man looked over his past life and felt so small that he was able to crawl out without any trouble. Some men want all they can get, but never care to give anything that they have gotten. Have you not seen men who were so narrow that their ears almost rub together?

The world is looking for broad men, men of vision, men who stand for something. The world needs love, peace and happiness. Anybody can hate, break peace, etc., but it takes a man to bring love, peace and happiness. The man who makes the most of the "now" will realize its value tomorrow. Never take more out of your work than you put in; if you do what will you do when the rain begins to fall?

To those who hold office, it is better to be criticized than not be noticed. If you be not noticed you will not be criticized. If you do not mean and stand for something in life, the world will not know you. Be happy in the fact that you are above the average in usefulness. There are some chronic critics who need to bestir themselves. There are men who do the best they can and at their best they need to be pitied. It is bad enough to see a woman who is no account, but a sorry man makes both men and women sick. A man should not wear trousers for nothing. They are made to fit him closely, never in his way. That man makes life worth while. If the men will fill all the space in a pair of pants we, as women, will be encouraged to help you make life what it should be.

1503 26th Ave., Meridian, Miss.

Bishop Beckett has just closed a successful annual conference at St. James A. M. E. Church of this city. The programs rendered were among the best. The speeches and sermons were exceptionally good. The musical numbers by a chorus from Campbell College, and a speech by a Mrs. Thompson were among the best.

NOTICE FROM THE GENERAL PRESIDENT

Because of the urgent request of members, agents and presidents to extend the time for members to pay up their building money and death claims without renewing, I, as general president, extend the time to December 1 to any person who wishes to renew. He may do so by paying death claims, dues and building fee.

1503, 26th Ave., Meridian, Miss.

I have not been able to send any of the people a paper who subscribed in the last Board. Prof. Buckley has turned the names to me and they are with the other Board matter that is misplaced. I shall get the names from Prof. Buckley again and begin mailing your papers.

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FROM D. H. WATSON, H. B. A. AGENT

Dear Editor: A few days ago I received a message from some of the members of H. B. A. No. 91 to come at once. I responded and found seven members who wanted to remain with the H. B. A. I also found seven of No. 129 who desired to remain in the H. B. A. These two lodges were blended together and they elected Mr. Levi Stennis as their local president. After the election was all over all the members seemed to have been very well pleased to be back home again. My trip was very pleasant.

On Thursday, October 9, 1924, I began to organize a new lodge in the city of Meridian. On the 14th I returned and finished the lodge with 25 new members. Mrs. Mable Kindrix was made choice of as president of this new lodge. Rev. William Lincoln of Central Church cast his lot with us. He is pastor of Central Church.

I had a call meeting of Lodge No. 67. I was very successful in getting the people together. They had had some misunderstanding about the building. Some of them were planning to change and go with the new concern, but I showed them their mistake in changing to go into a new thing that is yet to be born, and may never be born. They readily saw that it was not wise to build a good house and then go off and leave it. The people stated that they had never had a real explanation of the work of the H. B. A. concerning the building. When I was through, the people readily returned to the H. B. A.; they readily paid up their claims and became H. B. A.'s again. The people said they wanted a new president. They made choice of Mrs. O. Catching as their president. I am doing my best to reinstated all of the H. B. A.'s who desire to come back to the fold. I have been very successful and I shall do my best to keep the H. B. A. flag floating high.

Yours for the good of the H. B. A.,
REV. D. H. WATSON,
Meridian, Miss. Agent.

At the last H. B. A. Board the General President called for a public collection, and it was the best in the history of the H. B. A. We raised a total of $45. I promised to publish the names of those who paid 25c and above. In No. 3 we raised $25, and $20 in Nos. 1 and 2. The names of Nos. 1 and 2 are misplaced, but if in the event they are found, I shall publish them. The following is the report from No. 3: E. F. Young, $1, W. J. Tate, $1, D. Cox, $1, Annie Brown, 50c, C. C. Mitchel, 50c, Bell Johnson, $1, Annie Rhu, 25c, C. H. Watts, 50c, L. R. Echols, 25c, W. M. Bonds, $1, W. S. Pope, $1, J. M. Thompson, 50c, S. L. Otis, 25c, H. Griffit, 50c, W. M. Lara, $1, W. R. Smith, 50c, J. H. Hubbard, 50c, J. H. Holoway, 50c, Josephine Brown, 50c, M. D. Williams, 50c, Irene Ware, 25c, Ella Roach, 50c, D. W. Tims, $1, Carry Jurry, 50c, Viey Williams, 50c, E. L. Crosby, 50c, W. M. Johnson, 25c, T. C. Harper, $1, A. Buckley, $1, R. D. Park, 25c, C. H. Bargon, 50c, W T. Harthan, 25c, C. M. Paigen, 25c, Dut Mikle, 25c, A. Sims, 25c, A. O. Thompson, 25c, R. L. Young, $1, R. B. Story, 25c, E. D. Avery, $1. As stated above, I shall gladly publish the names of Nos. 1 and 2 if they can be found.

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NOTICE

The H. B. A. Board will meet Dec. 26, in the H. B. A. building. This is the meeting of No. 1. The Board will be cared for by Rev. D. H. Watson, president of No. 72, and his good members. It is understood that since we will hold our first Board in the building that there will be a goodly number of people present, and Rev. Watson and his people may ask some of the city presidents to aid them in caring for the Board. We hope that none will refuse to do so. No. 2 will meet Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Lauderdale, Lodge No. 39, Mr. J. J. Overstreet, local president. Rev. Petterson is pastor of the church where the Board will be held. Just a little better than one mile from Lauderdale. No. 3 will meet at Hattiesburg with No. 108, Rev. E. D. Avery, local president. I do not know the street address of the meeting place, but all persons may go to Hall and Collins' Undertaking parlor and you will be directed to the proper place. No. 3 meets Monday, Dec. 29. I have sent cards to each local president informing you of the amount to be collected. Presidents of one and two will please collect $1.35 dues and death claims. President of No. 3 will please collect $1.20 dues and death claims. These amounts are to be collected from each individual member. We want to ask each president to do his best to collect from every member and let's not have so much back money to be reported. When we fail to collect all at once we keep the people waiting too long for their money.

The president has done his best to arrange the Boards to meet the approval of all, but it is impossible to suit all concerned. We have done our best, please don't complain. If you can not be present send a good person in your place; if you haven't a

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H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE

Presidents of No. 1 will please collect $1.35 dues and death claims for the following:

Sarah Lunch, No. 111; Sallie Seal, No. 69; Mittie Brassfield, No. 18; Etta Scoot, No. 33; Lillie J. Morgan, No. 111; William Lee, No. 69; Caroline Shelton, No. 67.

No. 2—H. N. Moore, No. 56; Almer Ivy, No. 211; N. M. McDonal, No. 30; Will Hobson, No. 31; A. Triplett, No. 136; P. Nichols, No. 53; B. Tomkins, No. 64.

No. 3—Lula B. Graves, No. 23; Charley Hubb, No. 109; J. A. Tate, No. 120; M. A. Bell, No. 165; F. J. West, No. 124; A. L. Pugh, No. 82; G. W. Flournoy, No. 132.

We have seven deaths in each district. I am waiting a reply from two of the presidents concerning two of the deaths, and if I fail to get the proper information the claims will be held up for further consideration.

Each president will please meet on the date stated on your card.

PUBLIC COLLECTION AT BOARDS

In the last issue of The Echo I published the names of some of those who paid in the public collection at the Boards. I did not publish all the names because I did not have them at hand. I hope no one will think that I did not care to publish his or her name. It was because I do not have all the names of those who paid. Mrs. Ella Morrell's name should have appeared in the list that was published. She is always loyal to any call.

NOTICE!

Watch the "X" on your paper. It means to inform you that your subscription is out. Please renew.

HERE AND THERE

Prof. Nichols and the people of Carson, Miss., had a big time on Thanksgiving night. They had a big box supper in which they realized $27.00 for the school. Prof. Nichols was master of ceremonies, while Mrs. Leola Otis, Mrs. Anna Magee and Mrs. May Haynes were members of the committee.

Mrs. R. L. Young and her little daughter, Maggie Juanita, visited the annual conference at Bassfield. Bassfield being only seven miles from Carson, Mrs. Young's home, she spent each night at home with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Graham.

Mr. William Brewster, son of Mr. Lorenzo Brewster, was buried Monday, Dec. 2. The funeral was attended by Rev. M. W. Wilson, state evangelist at Pleasant Grove C. M. E. Church.

NOTICE

To the local presidents of the H. B. A.: Please have your members understand that the building assessment is as essential as any other claims, and when you fail to pay it you are unfinancial. It carries the same effect as that of death claims and dues. Please have your members understand that you are not to pay any bills for persons who fail to pay this assessment. In other words, when a fellow fails to pay please see to it that his name is erased from the roll.

E. F. YOUNG, Gen. Pres.

All presidents will please collect 25c from your lodges for the publication of your report. If you do not come to the Board please send 25c in your report for publication. Please remember this 25c does not pay your subscription to The Echo.

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EDITORIAL

I am proud of the great success that our agents are having in the H. B. A. in organizing new lodges. I am also proud to know that so many local presidents are renewing members every month. This goes on to prove that the H. B. A. will stand as long as we see to it that the head is sound. I would like to give our members, presidents and agents a bit of advice in this editorial.

First, I hope no one will attempt to gain members by running down the new order that is trying to be established by the Rev. G. E. Williams and a few other disgruntled members of the H. B. A. No man should try to build up his concern by dominizing the concern of another. The C. B. A. may in the long run prove to be a good concern, and it may prove to be good in a short while. It is composed of Negroes, and I am always glad to see Negroes do well. The success or failure of any Negro business concern is attributed to the ability or non-ability of the Negro to manage whatever he is connected with.

A deacon of the Baptist church said to me a few days ago that the general president of the C. B. A. told him to get out of the H. B. A., for it was a Methodist concern, and nothing but a fool would remain in the H. B. A. He said his reply was, "I am going to remain in it." Well, said the officer, you are a fool. The deacon replied, "You are not the first to call me a fool, therefore it is all right."

A friend of mine who has quit the H. B. A. and gone with the C. B. A., and who happened to be a member of the Baptist church, said if Rev. Williams will pull out and organize a new concern it will be only a short while before all the Baptist people will be out of the H. B. A. That may be true, but I do not believe it. The H. B. A. belongs to no denomination. It belongs to the people of the Negro race. Whatever belongs to one Negro in a geenral way belongs to another. Even our churches, both Methodist and Baptist, are compelled to look to one another for help. If you do not believe what I am saying, just go in a community where one is weak and the other strong, or where both are strong or where both are weak, and you will find these words to be true.

I pity the man who thinks he will go very far by running down the other fellow—it is like building a house upon the sand.

The news is being circulated that the H. B. A. has paid off men who have been met since on the streets and their hands have been shaken. Well, nobody believes that, even the man who said it does not believe it. If it were true, for the past eight or ten years just one man has been collecting death claims, and that same man has been paying off. Friends isn't it strange that a man will go on with a concern and know that there is something going on wrong but will not tell it until he gets displeased? Even if it were true,, I could have but little respect for such a character.

I have slept in a number of Baptist beds, I have eaten at many Baptist tables, I have spent many dollars that were given me by Baptist people, but I have not yet been able to detect any difference in Baptist food and Methodist food; Baptist bed nor Methodist bed; Baptist money nor Methodist money. It's just food, beds and money, that's all. All of it is good, and one suits me as well as the other. The H. B. A. will always have some Methodist and some Baptist. When the C. B. A. is organized it will have some Baptist and some Methodist. Oh, yes, it must be. It is impossible to separate the people. The world is calling for men, it is not asking what church you are a member of, but what can you do.

Allow me again to emphasize the importance of speaking well of the other concern. Don't knock, don't abuse, but let the words you speak be the truth. Always know you are right and then go forward. I understand that the general president of the C. B. A. is going from H. B. A. lodge to lodge making big speeches against the H. B. A. inorder to build the C. B. A. Well, don't worry, a house that is built upon a sandy foundation will not and can not stand.

Agents, presidents and members, whatever you do, please do not try to gain H. B. A.'s by running down the C. B. A., if you do, such members gained will not stand. Methodists please do not talk about Baptist folks, if you do it will come home to you. Baptists, please don't talk about Methodist folks, if you do it will come home to you. We are all bone of one bone, we are flesh of one flesh, we serve one God, or we serve one devil. We go to one heaven or we go to one hell. We breathe the same air and receive light from the same sun. We live and we die, we sing and we rejoice, we praise and we adore one God, not two gods, not three gods, but one God. In Him we live and have our being. If you wish to climb high and remain there as an everlasting monument, you must build well the foundation, for no society, no church, no building, no man, no nothing, can live and stand longer than its foundation, therefore, build well.

Now, as to what the C. B. A. stands for, I do not know. I decided that C. B. A. means Christian Benevolent Association, but a C. B. A. says it is Christian Baptist Association. Well that will not do; it can not be that for the simple fact it is composed of Methodists and Baptists. Whatever it is let us wish it well.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

On November 19, Bishop J. W. McKinney opened his third annual conference of the South Mississippi Conference. This was one of the best sessions ever held in this part of the state. The meeting opened with that spiritual fire and fervor and it lasted throughout the meeting. Rev. S. E. Gibson was elected secretary of the conference; Mr. C. I. Chapman of Jackson, Miss., was elected assistant secretary, and Rev. R. L. Young was elected statistician. Mrs. Bishop McKinney was elected private secretary for the bishop.

The opening sermon was preached by Dr. J. W. Brown of Jackson, Miss. The rest of the preaching was done by Revs. H. B. Leach, W. J. Fostor, P. H. Ambrose, J. H. Moore, L. E. Epps and W. M. Anderson. All of these men seemed to have been at their best. Every sermon got better and better. It is useless to mention the sermon at 11 o'clock by Dr. J. H. Moore. The bishop well said when he told the conference that Moore had few equals and no superiors. We had a packed house—white and colored. White men and women were shedding tears as well as those of our own race.

Bassfield did not fail to well care for the conference. Everyone who has ever visited Bassfield wants to go again. A large majority of the pastors made round reports. We wish that some of our congregations could have been present and witnessed the great strain that the poor preachers had to undergo. When the bishop called for $5.00 we just had it to pay, if we did not have it we had to borrow it from the bishop; if you borrow from the bishop it is best to pay him. A few changes were made and the most of them seemed to have been a bit shocking to us, for we thought we were going back to our old places—that is, we desired to do so.

Rev. M. W. Wilson is state evangelist. Rev. S. E. Gibson, Lane Chapel, Jackson, Miss.; Rev. J. W. Brown, Centerville Circuit; Rev. P. H. Ambrose, Fannan Circuit; Rev. W. M. Anderson, Goodwater and Mt. Olive; Rev. R. L. Young, Collins and Mt. Pleasant; Rev. H. C. Chapman, Meridian Station. No changes were made among the elders. There were a few other changes but most of those not mentioned remained on their charges. We all go forth in the name of Him for another year's work.

NOTICE TO H. B. A. AGENTS

I want to ask each agent to please send me the president's address of each lodge that you have organized since the last Board. Be sure to see to it that the president gets a report blank for the coming Board. As to whether they have policies or not, we become responsible for them as soon as you organize the lodge, therefore all members must be responsible for the death claims and dues just as any other member.

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good person please don't send a sorry one; it is better to mail your report.

We have a full month's notice to collect our claims and there's no reason why we should not make a good collection.

I wish to make mention of the building report blanks that were sent out to be returned on or before Dec. 1. We hope that each president noticed his blank. I crossed out every thing that did not pertain to this collection. All that was not crossed out meant for you to govern yourselves accordingly. This assessment is the beginning of the second year's payment, and all presidents are asked by the general president to pay the 55c at once and you are through until next December. If you can not pay all of the 55c you are to pay at least 25c on the first year's payment. Some presidents have responded with the 55c, some with 25c, and some with 10c. Now, listen presidents, if you do not collect at least 25c on the first payment it is useless to collect any whatever. The first payment for the beginning of each year is at least 25c, and then 10c per quarter. Those of you who have sent in just 10c, will please inform your members that they are to pay the remainder of the 25c before they will be in good standing. Some of the presidents have members who have paid a part of the first year's assessment. Now, we hope you have had them to understand that should they die they are not entitled to anything whatever. We have two or three lodges that have paid a little. I have written the presidents two or three times concerning the matter and they just keep putting off. The truth of the matter is this, if that president can not attend to your business you need to get some one who can do it.

I have a record of all lodges, and yet some of you claim that you are out for the year. Now brothers, let's deal fair. We have had enough dishonesty in the H. B. A. Of course I feel that we are now clear of the bulk of dishonest men, and let's do our best to give a fair play. Mitsakes can be made; none of us are perfect and above mistakes, but let's see to it that when a mistake is made that all concerned will believe it is a mistake.

It will be some time yet before we will have our opening of the H. B. A. building for the simple fact that we want it to be a real occasion, and it will take a little more time.

FROM LOCAL AGENTS

Dear Editor: Just a few days ago I was called over to Point, Miss., in the interest of the H. B. A. When I was through explaining the spirit and work of the H. B. A., I took in thirteen members and obligated them. Rev. E. J. Milsap was elected president. The people seem to be well pleased with the H. B. A. in that section.

REV. D. H. WATSON, Agent.

Dear Editor: I wish to let the people know that I am still working for the H. B. A. I have organized a new lodge at Shubuta, Miss. Mr. J. D. Pace is the local president. We have 17 members, and more to be added. I have organized a new lodge at Hiwanee, Miss., with 19 members. The president of this lodge is one of our leading merchants of his section. He has subscribed for the Echo. I have organized a new lodge at Quitman, Miss. Mr. E. D. Dardon is local president. I have also organized another new lodge at Shubuta, Miss. Mr. Homer Bufkins is the local president of this lodge.

Dear Editor: I have just organized a new lodge at Macon, Miss. I am doing my best to spread the H. B. A. in every place possible. Your agent,

ESAW SLEDGE.

Dear Editor: Since the last Board I have organized a new lodge at Wiggins, Miss. Mr. J. A. S. Fairley is the local president of this new lodge.

Your agent,

W. H. LANGHAM,

Dear Editor: I have recently visited the juvenile lodge at Lumberton, Miss. Mrs. B. J. Williams is bringing things to pass in her section. I wish to state that Rev. E. D. Avery and his good people of Hattiesburg are making ready for the Board that will be held at their lodge in December. I have just organized a new lodge at Barth, Miss., and I have three lodges on foot at other places. We are doing our best to spread the H. B. A. where she is needed.

Your agent,

A. BUCKLEY.

Dear Editor: I have organized two new lodges since the last Board, one at Mendenhall and one at D'Lo, Miss.

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